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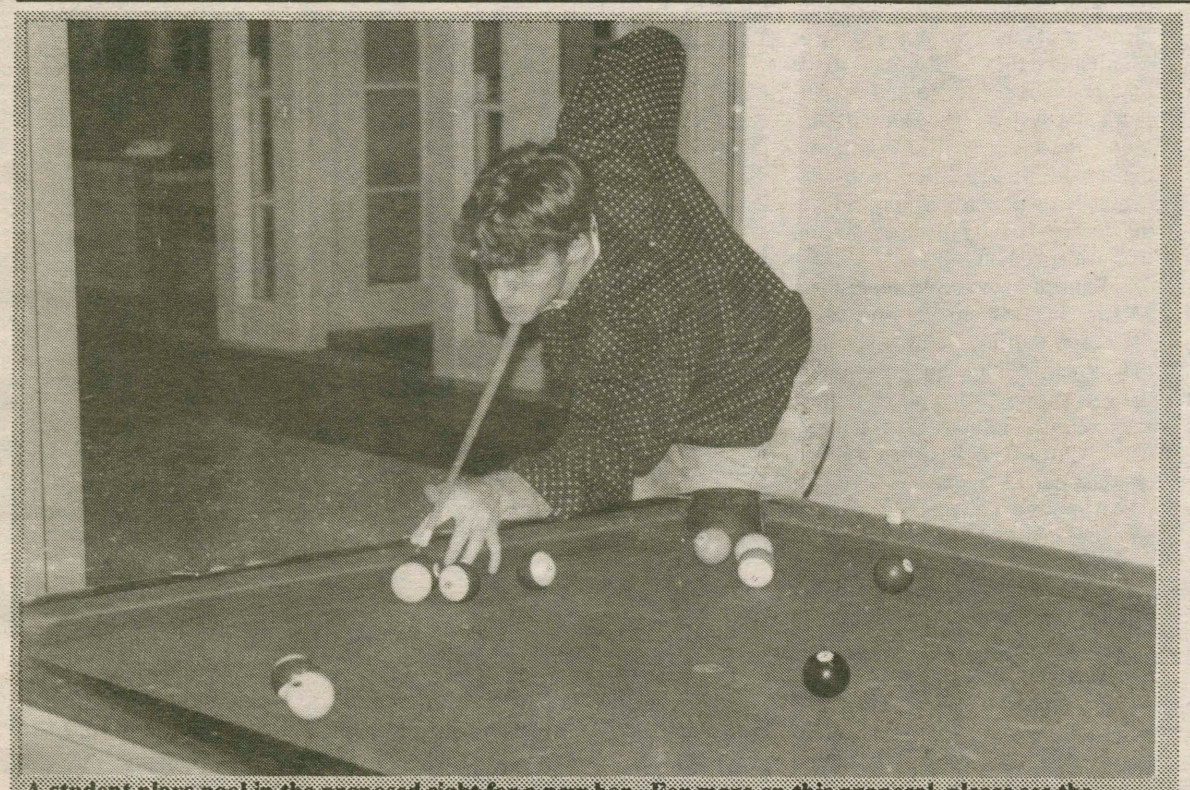

A student plays pool in the proposed sight for a new bar. For more on this proposal, please see the story on page 5.

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Admissions report released, applicant pool shrinking

By Beth A. Merrill '94
NEWS EDITOR

Recently the Admisssions Office released its annual report, compiling demographic statistics from the class of '97. For the first time, the number of Hamilton applications from the class of '97 has dropped below the national average, by 11.5%, said President Eugene Tobin in his address to the Faculty.

Dean of Admissions Doug Thompson said that there was a lower number of seniors in high school last year than any other year in the past, but that this trend will gradually be reversed over the coming years, nevertheless the results won't be immediately seen.

The statistics for the SAT scores for the class of '97 show modest declines from the highest scores from previous years, reflecting a nation-wide trend. Thompson says that this is not of great concern to the Admissions Office since they weigh their decisions more heavily upon secondary school records. In terms of high school class rank, the class of '97 has stayed in relatively the same range as in the past few years, with 34.7% of '97's males and 46.3% of the females placing in the top ten percent of their high school classes.

Tobin discussed the considerable number of students who visited the campus and decided not to apply to Hamilton. Thompson said that approximately 1,000 visiting students is typical of other years, although the students polled on their decision not to apply cited the construction-laden campus as a deterrent in their decision.

Women and Multicultural concern

Also of concern was the fact that of the 1,783 women students admitted, 196 decided to enroll, making the male to female ratio 56.8% to 43.2%, compared to last year's 53.1% to 47.9%.

The number of multicultural students has remained relatively unchanged over the past few years, although there was a slight decline in the numer of African-American students who decided to apply (116 this year, 141 last year.)

Both Thompson and Tobin emphasized that the emphasis should not be placed on short term statistics, since colleges nationwide have been facing similar declines in applicants and lower mean SAT scores of applicants, and the small liberal arts colleges are all "competing for a limited pool of applicants," Tobin and Thompson explained.

A subcommittee of student assembly is currently conducting an investigation of admissions procedures in an attempt to "put together a proposal of suggestions for Hamilton to increase its academic ranking." This is in response to the U.S. News and World Report's ranking of Hamilton at 23rd, said Jen Tsuha '94, the head of the admissions subcommittee. The committee plans to hold an open forum on admissions on Wednesday, Dec.1, inviting the entire campus to participate.

New Admissions strategies

Thompson says that new Admissions publications and newsletters which will discuss such themes as the health care plan and Beinecke Student Village will also be distributed to high school seniors within the target applicant group. Additionally, more alumni and parent recruiting of students from their hometowns will take place this year through the program, "Worldwide Admission Volunteer Effort," (WAVE), whereby parents and Hamilton alumni are sent a hand-

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Abortion Awareness Week sparks controversy

By Gabriel Meyer '96
ASSOCIATE NEWS EDITOR

A storm of controversy swept across campus this week as the Conservative Club sponsored Abortion Awareness Week, with a goal of increasing thought and stimulating discussion on the issue. Instead, numerous accusations were leveled against the Conservative Club, rumors abounded, and tensions soared. Charges of singing Nazi songs and declaring certain cultures "sub-human" were made against the club over the course of the week.

The Conservative Club is headed by three student directors, Michael Peluse '94, David Pascual '94, and Lukasz Urban '94, and has thirty members. Urban describes all the accusations against the club as "malicious rumors." "We're not Nazis," he said. "They would not organize a pro-life week." He also stressed that members of the club come from all major religions.

In denying all the charges, Pascual said he was not surprised that they surfaced during Abortion Awareness Week. "The same weekend we started pro-life week," he said, "[people said] we were seen singing Nazi songs."

"For many years the [abortion] issue has not been addressed," added Pascual, explaining the impetus for Abortion Awareness Week. "We try to give a different view on campus." Events during the week included the screening of two movies, and a lecture by Greg Cunningham, an anti-abortion advocate, on Thursday night. Members of several anti-abortion groups including Operation Rescue and National Right to Life attended each event.

"We don't have an interest in party politics... but we believe in certain things we won't compromise," said Peluse of the club's philosophy which emphasizes traditional and family values, patriotism, absolute truth, and natural law.

"We want to educate people on what abortion actually is," he added. In the effort to achieve that goal, the club has in addition to sponsoring movies and a speaker, put up several provocative flyers throughout campus, including one with a picture of an aborted fetus. Many of these were subsequently torn down by unknown

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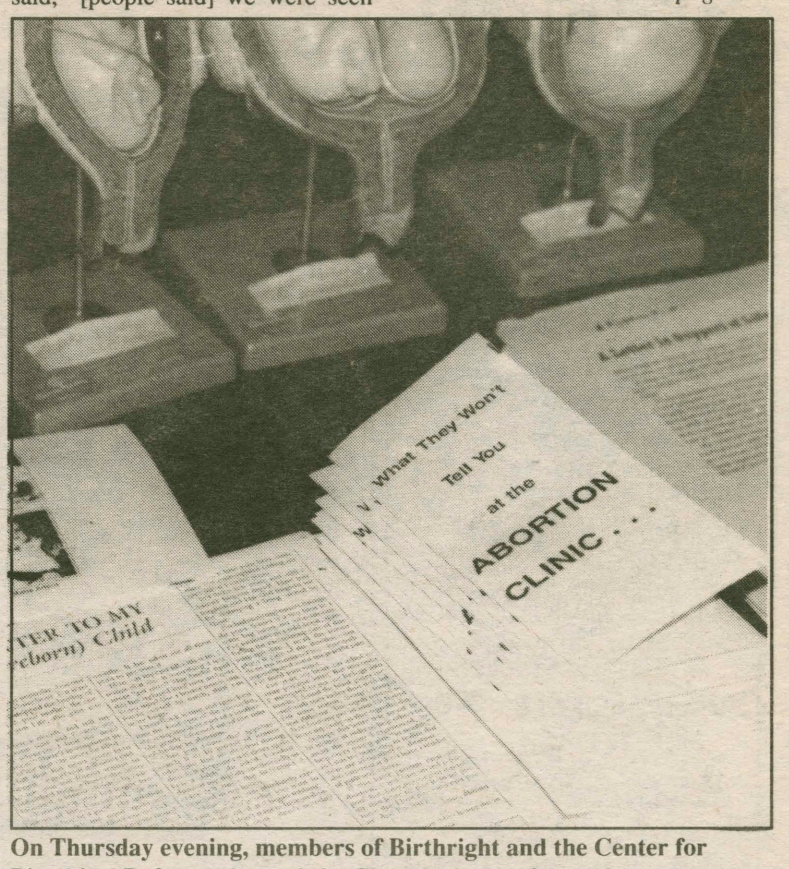

On Thursday evening, members of Birthright and the Center for Bioethical Reform adressed the Chapel. A question and answer session followed the presentation.

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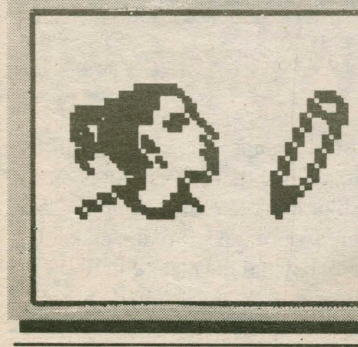

Turn to page 11 for a variety of opinions on free speech.

In Features:

Turn to page 7 for a romantic evening at Shop 'n Save.

In Sports:

Turn to page 24 for a preview of Hamilton's only Division I sport.

Hamilton sends contingent to study Middlebury, Colby res life systems

By Jim D'Aleo '95
NEWS EDITOR

Over the past two weeks, Hamilton College has sent a contingent of administrators, faculty and student leaders to Middlebury and Colby Colleges. The purpose of these trips, and one to Colgate University about a month ago, was to look at their residential life systems to see how they handled the same basic changes that Hamilton will be undergoing.

The trip to Middlebury took place last Thursday and Friday. Among those who attended were President Eugene M. Tobin, Director of Residential Life Rebecca Reed, Planning Committee member Margaret Gentry, Student Assembly President Sarah Gee and two trustees. They were given a two hour tour by members of Middlebury's administration and met with various groups of students and faculty over the two days. They also met with those who worked on Middlebury's own residential life study two years ago.

Neither Reed or Gentry could give an opinion as to how the Middlebury system is working. As Reed pointed out, this system is only in its second year and "it's too early to evaluate how well it's working." Gentry said, "I haven't seen enough to know what I would like or dislike." What they both could say was that the system at Middlebury was substantially different than that of Hamilton.

Under its two year old system, Middlebury has grouped their dorms into five clusters called commons. A faculty or staff member is assigned to each common to provide programming for the students. This allows for more faculty participation in the students' daily lives. One disadvantage of seeing the school at this early stage in the new system, Gentry believes is that "they haven't struggled through these issues yet of who controls what," in terms of social options. But she went on to say, "I think that a common system could give students a lot of self-determination, a lot of opportunities to create events [and the ability to] create a smaller community within a larger community."

The size of the community the school is trying to create was a difference that Reed noticed. "At Middlebury, there is more emphasis on smaller communities; we [Hamilton] talk about community in a larger sense."

Another difference between Middlebury's new system and Hamilton's current system is in regard to the issues of fraternities and on-campus drinking. In this area, different community attitude play a large role in the different paths the issues are currently on. "My understanding is that the drinking age at Middlebury played more of a part [in the social question]. The fraternity question is not as emotional on their campus. There haven't been the same questions as far as social space and where alcohol is served."

This Tuesday, a contingent went to visit Colby College, which has had its present residential life system in place for about eight years. Like at Middlebury, they were looking to see how residential life worked in their particular system. They have a commons housing system in somewhat the same format as Middlebury, except they do not have dining halls in the dorms. Faculty members live in the residence halls.

Student Assembly vice-president McLloyd Onwubere '95, who was in the group touring Colby, explained the system of student government there is different than at Hamilton. Each of the commons elects a president, who becomes part of a presidential council that acts as their student assembly. Onwubere said, "The students had a strong sense of empowerment. The student assembly offered accountability and responsibility."

The social life at Colby is different than that of Hamilton and Middlebury. Fraternities of any kind were banished in 1983, so the social life of the campus revolves around these commons. Party forms, in which those who are over twenty-one takes responsibility for what occurs, are used. No weekday parties are allowed and parties are permitted within the dorms.

Onwubere believes that a system like Colby's would not work here. While "there was a sense of tolerance," it seemed to "lack diversity or individuality." "Everyone was forced to have the same Colby experience," Onwubere pointed out.

Visits to more schools are being

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News from other Ivory Towers

—Compiled by Naeem Sheikh '96

Students drink less than they thought, survey shows

A recent University of Michigan survey found that the college community overestimates how much it drinks and underestimates how much it supports the reduction of alcoholism on campus.

A study of 4,400 Michigan students and campus employees last spring revealed that both students and faculty members had erroneous impressions of their peers' drinking patterns.

Although 64 percent of male undergraduates surveyed said they had a drink at least once a week, they perceived that 94 percent of male undergraduates drank once weekly.

Similarly, some 60 percent of the undergraduates said that they support limits on how many hours alcohol is available at a party or campus event. However, only 23 percent of them thought that other students would endorse such a measure. *(NSNS)*

Community service part of freshman orientation

Community service is a mandatory part of first-year orientation program at Stonehill College (North Easton, MA) and every freshman has to spend a day volunteering at St. Paul's soup kitchen, the Old Colony Hospice, or the Habitat for Humanity.

"I don't know of any other college that does anything like this with its entire incoming class," said the Rev. Dan Issing, the founder of the two-year old "Into the Streets" program.

The program was created by the college to make students aware of the social problems that exist in the world outside college and to familiarize them with the local community of North Easton.

Issing added that many students find the experience so rewarding that they become permanent part-time volunteers with the various community organizations. *(The Colgate Maroon News)*

University recruiting becomes high-tech

College administrators have embarked upon the high-tech information highway, with some schools employing interactive computer disks as recruiting devices and others airing promotional clips on MTV.

A growing number of schools, including Tulane University, have developed disks as marketing tools which provide campus photos, maps and admission forms to perspective students.

An admissions officer at Worcester Polytechnic Institute characterized the students who apply by disk as smarter than those who apply by hard copy.

At the same time, many high schools have joined an electronic network called College View which allows students to access information from 1600 colleges nationwide. *(NSNS)*

Tufts Dean concerned about increase of acid use

A dean at Tufts University in Massachusetts recently announced that he is concerned about the increasing number of students who use lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD), more commonly known as acid.

Associate Dean of Students Bruce Reitman issued a "word of caution" regarding the use of acid, saying that the prevalence of the hallucinogen on campus scares him. According to Reitman, many students who are taking acid acquired the drug at the recent Grateful Dead concerts held nearby. *(NSNS)*

Editor's note:

Concerning the letter to the Editor last week by Matthew LoPiccolo questioning the motive behind the Ivory Towers news item about TDX fraternity at Arizona State, the editors assure LoPiccolo and other readers that the item was printed as a news article, and there was no intention of damaging the reputation of TDX and/or other fraternities. The timing of the article just before the Residential Life Survey was a mere coincidence. Information for Ivory Towers is compiled from other college newspapers.

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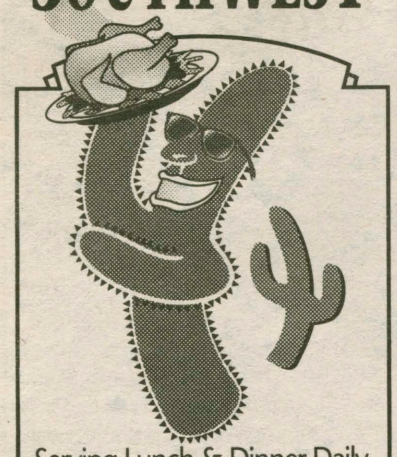

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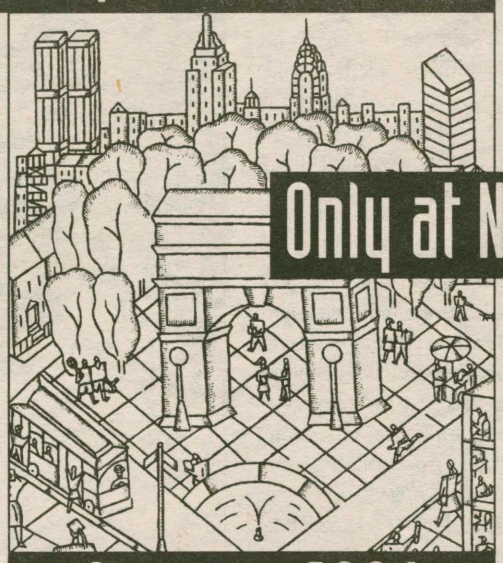

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WAVE program to recruit more students

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book to keep them up to date on life at Hamilton in the 1990s. According to Tobin, alumni, parents and students are the best salespeople for Hamilton, with their insight and genuine interest in the college. Hamilton's WAVE program should be especially helpful, according to Tobin, since the Admissions Office staff cannot be at the thousands of college fairs around the world. Approximately 2,500 WAVE handbooks have been distributed to alumni and parents around the U.S. and the world.

Tobin also emphasized the importance of the entire Hamilton community in recruiting "the most talented students,...treating the visitors with tremendous respect, and the creating "a mood on campus where current students feel their needs are being adressed." Tobin stressed that Hamilton's strengths need to be conveyed to the students who visit. In addition, there is currently a plan to have the faculty recruit students who have expressed interest in their particular disciplines, by telephone or when the student visit, "as aggressively as coaches" recruit potential Hamilton athletes.

Grade inflation?

In his address to the faculty, Tobin warned professors about "grade inflation," a trend which began during the Vietnam War, when professors gave students better grades than their work merited, to protect their draft status. A national trend shows that this phenomenon continued after the War, with an inflated number of "A's" given dominating the last 20 years. Tobin suggested that the faculty combat the "grade inflation" phenomenon and taking the stand that "we're going to reward excellence by presenting grades which encourage our best students that their work is being valued." He feels that these measures could better Hamilton's reputation as a rigorous academic institution and attract the most qualified applicant pool. He feels this is necessary, not to increase Hamilton's rank in U.S. News and World Report, but "because we know it's the right thing to do." He feels that this would place a greater value on the value we place on education and the value we place on social life." Another subcommittee of the student assembly is currently investigating this issue.

More colleges will be visited for study

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planned for next semester. While no specific schools have been selected, all those interviewed wanted to, as Reed put it, "broaden our perspective" by looking at schools not in the same area. At this point in the process, no decisions have been made. "We are still in the information-gathering stage," Gentry said.

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Student Assembly Corner
Listen to your Voice...

By Jason P. Andris '96
Student Assembly

I write this new weekly column in order to keep the Hamilton College Community up to date on the issues being addressed in Student Assembly. First of all, I am Jason Andris, one of the Sophomore class representatives. Student Assembly must serve as the student body's voice in the policy-making of our school. As your voice the Student Assembly must respond and adhere to your needs. This column will directly link you to your voice.

To operate efficiently, Student Assembly created three committees to work toward specific goals. The first committee, chaired by Jim Morehead, addresses academic issues that Student Assembly members deem as important. Currently, Jim and his committee are pursuing the following: (1) Increasing Hamilton's academic reputation and striving for academic excellence, (2) researching options for receiving credit for labs, (3) evaluating current writing-intensive classes and discerning whether or not a clear definition of "writing-intensive" is needed, and (4) working to link the entire Hamilton campus "on-line" with a computer network. Look forward to participating in the following panel discussions: (1) Should we have foreign language and oral-intensive requirements? (2) What should be included in a possible mandatory first-year seminar? (3) Should teachers on this campus have more options or obligations? (4) What does the admissions office consider when selecting a student? (5) Should credits be given for classes which are similar to labs?

The second committee, chaired by Jennifer Johnson and Rich Sullivan, is looking into creating more social options for the student. In particular, the possible opening of a student bar in Bristol is on the agenda. By looking at other college bars, the committee is wrestling with various ideas: serving beer and possibly hard alcohol, having music, television, and games, and convincing the administration that it is a student want and need. Additionally, they are re-evaluating Hamilton's current alcohol policy.

The third committee, chaired by Jason Andris and Matt Outten, has taken up the task of addressing all of the remaining miscellaneous issues. The difficulty that many students have had with parking on campus was the first issue which was put before this committee. In the coming week, the members of the committee will be administering a survey at dinner to obtain student feedback on future changes to the current system. Secondly, the committee is speaking with many individuals on how a higher quality of food and service might be obtained. Lastly, the necessity of improving the current system of financial aid has arisen.

Stay tuned for updates on these committees' progress and on other Student Assembly topics.

Daily Bull creates further reaction

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individuals.

In response to the club's vigorous campaign to increase awareness, numerous other groups have passed out flyers of their own to combat the anti-abortion message. They have ranged from copies of petitions with signatures of students who have undergone abortions and support its legality to flyers equating the Conservative Club with Nazism and fascism.

One flyer of unknown origin that was circulated in dining halls early in the week was a collage that implied Nazi ties with the Conservative Club. Peluse said that the club was initially accused by the Hamilton administration of putting out the flyers itself in order to generate sympathy.

"Apparently it seems inconceivable to the administration that the radical left could come up with something not nice." said Urban.

That was not the end, though. On Thursday, *The Daily Bull*, the daily newsletter distributed across campus sponsored by the Publications Board, printed a full page proclamation imploring students to confront the leaders of the Conservative Club. It filled the entire space normally reserved for personal advertisements. On the top of the proclamation were pictures of Pascual and Urban. Parts of the text read, "...There are allegations that these men claim to be Nazis. There are accusations that these men have seriously offended student and faculty members across the campus with highly racist, sexist, [and] homophobic language and behavior... Do you support the malicious and slanderous behavior these men have supposedly demonstrated? Have they offended you? Do they show poor taste? Do they represent the majority view on our campus? Take this controversial issue in hand [and] talk among yourselves. Talk to them and find out their views. Let them know how you feel about their opinions."

The Daily Bull Editor, John Anthony '94 explained the proclamation saying, "There is nothing in it stating that anything is fact. [We want to] have people approach [the Conservative Club leaders] rather than talk about them behind their backs. We should listen to each other rather than talk at each other."

Peluse says that *the Daily Bull's* statement was a "defamation of character." Outraged by the incident, the club leaders met with President Eugene Tobin immediately after *The Daily Bull* was distributed. Tobin described the situation as "unfair and regrettable."

Pub Board Chair Dan Murdock '94 said that the board is currently investigating the matter and the board as a whole will be meeting to discuss the issue next week. Murdock was unsure as to what action would be taken.

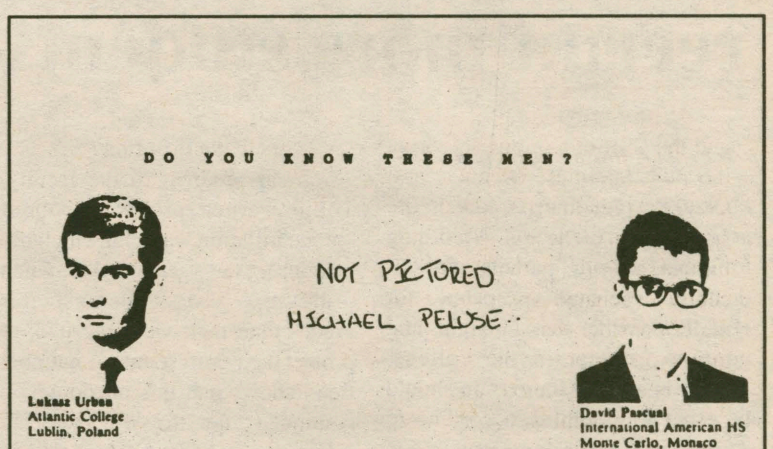
Reactions among students to the *Bull's* statements were mixed.

"*The Daily Bull* showed poor taste," said Jason Andris '96, president of the Hamilton Republican Club, which takes no position on the abortion issue but encourages discussion. "It attempted to shock people rather than discuss the issues."

"No one's really communicating," said Doug Famigletti '94. "The liberal side of campus claims to be so open minded - they're not."

Stacey Rohrer '94 disagreed. "I agree with the right of everyone to express their opinions," she said, adding that she thought adding the *The Daily Bull's* proclamation was a fair attempt to discuss the issues.

"We found out this is not the place to spur discussion," said Urban, referring to all the events that have occurred during Abortion Awareness Week.



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This was the November 11th edition of The Daily Bull chronicling allegations against members of the Conservative Club.

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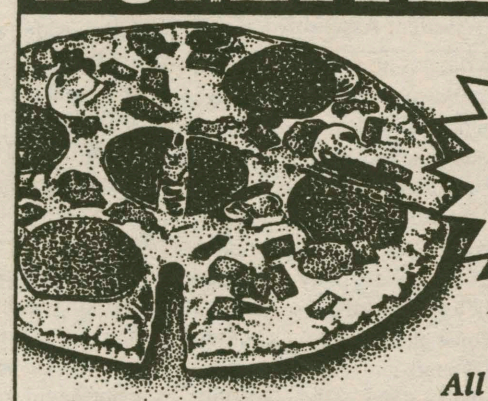

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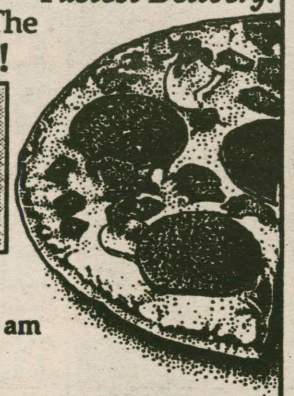

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Pub proposed for ex-Hub space in Bristol Campus Center

By Amy Grey '97
NEWS STAFF WRITER

With the building of Beinecke and the shift of campus activities to the new facilities, Bristol Campus Center has become the object of much speculation. The numerous possibilities for utilizing the buildings recently evacuated space have been under consideration by a number of groups on campus. While many ideas have been considered, one has received a predominant amount of attention and support from students all over campus. The popularly favored plan is for the building of a bar on the first floor of Bristol.

There are two committees who are now working with the main objective of investigating the most practical and beneficial ways to utilize the first floor of Bristol. One is a sub-committee of the Student Assembly. The other is a small study group formed by Jan Coates. Jennifer Johnson '95, who is a member of both committees, described what they are working on now. The Student Assembly sub-committee has been gathering information on-campus. They have gotten student opinion and tried to get a "general feel for the campus' response to the idea." They intend to continue doing this while gathering trustees' opinions and working outside of administration.

The study group is made up of 5 members including Johnson, Rich Sullivan '95, Associate Dean of Students Nancy Thompson , Director of Student Affairs Beverly Low, and History Professor Doug Ambrose. The focus of the group is to develop the idea into a feasible proposal to submit to the administration. They will be visiting Colgate's on-campus bar and studying how such problems as liability and the actual management of the facilities are handled there.

The two groups have many questions that they must find answers to before they can submit a proposal. The most prominent are — is there a need for an on-campus bar, and if so, why? They must also determine who would obtain the liquor license? Would the bar be run by the administration or students? Who could work there? How would N.Y.S. laws be enforced? The answers to these and other questions are not easy to find. Much consideration is being put into the decision making process involved in the committees' investigations.

The committees have many ideas however and are eager for input and suggestions. They want to create a social atmosphere and are considering many forms of entertainment. Bands on the weekends, a big screen TV, video games, and a juke box are just a few of the ideas that are being considered. "We're looking to create a space that everyone would enjoy and would have alcohol on occasion," says Johnson. "We want people to feel comfortable bringing alumni, administration and even their parents."

The response across campus has been very positive. Most students seem to feel that a bar would be a desirable and well-frequented addition to the campus. The committees are optimistic and hope to have a feasible proposal in the near future.

Above: Academic Year in Spain 1992-93 participants pose outside Samantha Skey's '94 apartment where a reunion brunch was held on Nov. 6. Director-in-Residence Felipe Metzidakis from Swarthmore helps hold the banner.

Below: Shown dining at the Phoenician Restaurant are (l-r) Katherine McGowan '94, Erica Curtis '94 and Flo Wilmerding '94, participants in the Junior Year in France 1992-92, who attended the reunion on Nov.6-7 where 24 of 27 participants converged at Hamilton for a weekend of reminiscing.

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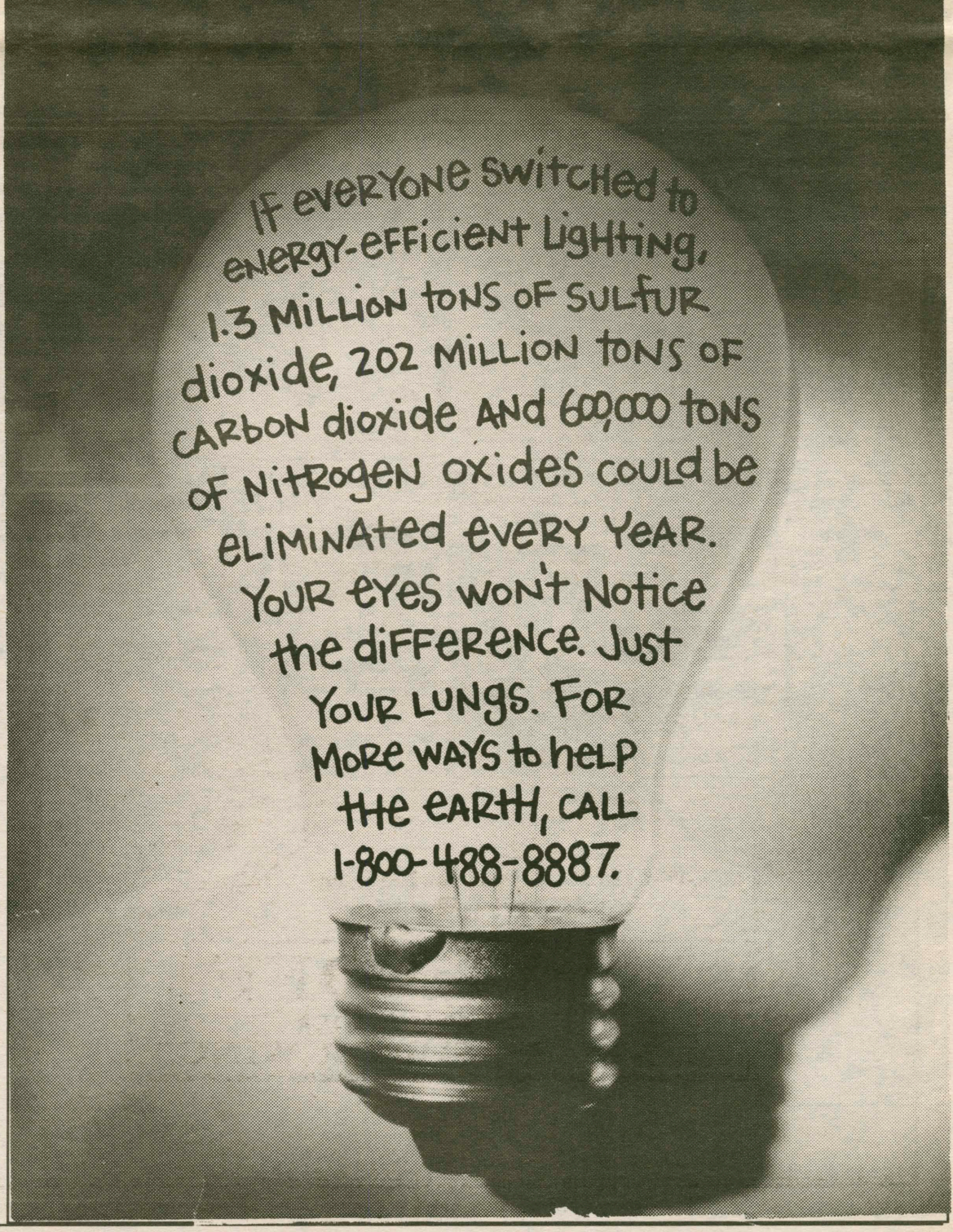
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Calvin and Hobbes by Bill Watterson

The Spectator November 12, 1993

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YES..
DID YOU FIND ANYTHING... UM... SURPRISING?
LIKE WHAT?
LET'S JUST SAY WE NEED SOME BIG GLOVES AND A HEAVY STICK... FAST.
DO YOU MEAN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE THIS THING IS?!
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OH NO! MOM PACKED A PIECE OF PIE IN MY LUNCH! SHE HATES ME! I REFUSE TO EAT IT!
YOU DON'T LIKE PIE?
NOT THIS KIND.
WHAT KIND IS IT?
COW PIE.
MISS WORMWOOD!
WANT IT? IT'S FRESH.
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I WISH I HAD A HEAVIER COAT.
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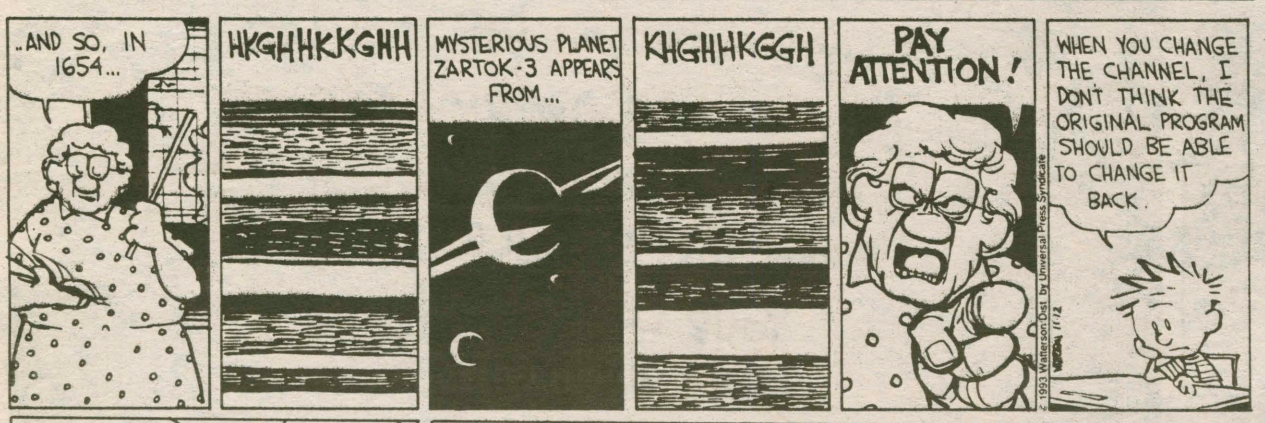
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MOM, WHAT WAS I LIKE AS A BABY?
STINKY.
STINKY??
STINKY.
IT'S ALWAYS SHOCKING TO SEE ONE'S EXISTENCE REDUCED TO A BLURB.
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QUOTABLE QUOTES

BY TREVOR NARDINI & GEOFF TRUKENBRO

"You were great last night!"
- President Bill Clinton congratulating Vice President Al Gore on his performance in the NAFTA debate.

"I want something to treat my tongue."
- Kat Soares '94. Any volunteers?

"I don't sleep with bears, I only sleep with men."
- Amy Schuerman '94. But are the two mutually exclusive?

"Can you pull out so I can fit in?"
- Kelly Overton '96 to Eric Ritvo '96 on moving his car.

"You know you're really comfortable with someone when you can adjust your underwear in front of them."
- Mary Kate LeCam '94. Is this from Emily Post's "Etiquette"?

"Take those pants off, and I'll help you do it!"
- Emma Rounds '95 to Joe Iuorno '95 on restringing his sweat pants.

"She went on a nailing spree"
- Sarah Falkenberry '96 about Abigail Klein '96 on decorating their room.

"I have wet dreams about the news studio."
- Paul Blechmann '96 at recent WHCL board meeting. Just as long as they're not IN the studio.

"They call it Esteé Lauder for men....I call it the Lady Magnet."
- Elan Singer '94 on his secret weapon.

"Let me tell you about my orgasm competition."
- Becky Egan '96 explaining how she took second place in a mimicry contest.

"People say I dress like a geek and they say I've got a body like an ironing board."
- Andy Wittenberg '93 explaining to Chuck Woolery why he was appearing on Love Connection.

"You're having an absolute heyday with my mouth."
- Robin Stuart '95. We sure are!

"I feel loved, not just satisfied."
- Kathryn Heffernan '94 after eating half of a bag of Hershey's Hugs.

"I haven't begged for sex since Nursery School!"
- Rebecca Toomey '97. Nuff Said!

"I was talking to the cheese lady and she said I needed to learn how to seduce."
- Eric Ritvo '96 commenting on his Single's night at Shop + Save experience. Can you say... lookin for love in all the wrong places?

"You're the K-Y poster-child."
- Bill Russell '95 to annonymous female senior. Ewwwwwww!

"I looked like I'd gone the bathroom in my pants!"
- Ginger Martin '95 reminiscing on a past theatrical costume.

Editor's note — Quotable Quotes need not have sexual inuendo. While it is our job to print those quotes which are submitted, it is our hope that there are other things which are funny as well. In not, this campus is in serious need of psychiatric counseling.

In the market for love?
Dying to walk down the aisle?
Try Singles Night at Shop 'n Save

My mother always said the best place to meet a man is church, the laundromat, or the supermarket.
—Madeline D. Singles Night creator

If I ever get this desperate, shoot me.
—Eric Ritvo '96

By Emily Valle '96
FEATURES EDITOR

It is flirtation in the fruit section. Passion amidst the frozen peas. Romance, flavored by the delicate scent of Ramen noodles, succumbing to a deli line of doubts. And definite prospects in aisle six.

Check the date and take a number 'cause it's Singles Night at Shop n'Save.

The Pursuit

I'm casually browsing among the canned goods, trying to decide whether to select creamed corn on the cob or pureed mushroom souffle, when I hear it. That unmistakable clatter accompanied by an intermittent squeak. My heart pounds. I quickly make a hole in the pyramid of cans and peek into the next aisle. Yep, there he is, silhouetted perfectly against the Charmin. It must be fate. The number attached to his cart is 152, and I'm number 251. It doesn't matter that he's sixty and balding. He's destined to be mine.

As he rounds the corner I oh—so—subtly rearrange my number sign so he'll be certain not to miss it. For some obscure reason, men's numbers are attached to the front of the cart, and women's numbers are taped to the child safety seat. Definitely not p.c., but in this environment you're better off being absolutely certain.

The Encounter: He's nervous. I'm shy. But the topics are boundless. " So," I ask, "do you prefer Duncan Hines super moist chocolate cake to the Betty Crocker variety?"

He takes the bait. "Well, yes, actually, I do find Betty Crocker to be a bit dry. But I always slap in extra oil anyways... and I love frosting."

We have completely blocked the aisle, and a few non-single, unsympathetic shoppers clear their throats impatiently (as if they have better things to do on a Monday evening from 7:00 to 9:00!). So we begin to stroll, aimlessly tossing random groceries into our carts to keep up the facade. I learn that he has been here every Monday since the program began this summer. He informs me that on a good night as many as 50 singles discover some item—toothpaste, deodorant, soda, you know, the little things—that they desperately need at the store. If they're lucky, they'll pick up more than the necessities.

The Proposal

My new friend treats me to a sample of cheese on a cracker and non-alcoholic wine (generously provided by the store), and our carts bump suggestively. He asks me out for a drink and some country line dancing, just what I had in mind, and as I'm about to joyously affirm I suddenly spot Eric Ritvo '96, who seems to be learning the secrets of seduction from a woman old enough to be his grandmother.

"Hey Eric," I shout, " did you find someone to bring home for Thanksgiving yet?"

He looks a little nonplussed, to say the least, but heck, they are in the poultry section!

Photo by Stephanie Hedges '96

And then something disturbing happens. My pick-up and Eric's older woman look at each other strangely. Their eyes connect, and their hands fall to their sides. Their carts begin rolling toward each other, driven by some magical unseen force, and the two meet joyfully in front of the lobster tank. Some of the employees start clapping. I think I've just been dumped.

On the rebound

One of the few other single women consoles me with the news that she dated a guy she met here until, after six weeks, he stopped calling. She told me she had just seen him by the checkout counter — *with another number on his cart.*

Another woman tells me that she also found a man here, but he was too busy spending time with his wife and family to give her the attention she deserved.

I keep my mouth shut, thank the women for sharing their stories, and beat a quick retreat to Eric. I offer him some of the Spam that has mysteriously accumulated in my cart but he declines, and suggests that we visit the check-in desk to see if we received any notes. Unlike a bar, where schmoozing is a necessity, the more reticent singles can leave a message for a certain number that catches their eye.

Madeline D., the Shop n' Save employee who invented and is in charge of Singles Night, greets us with a smile at the desk. Several regulars loiter around her, and I can't help but wonder if she's married.

Neither of us has a message, but Madeline D. shows us a polaroid of one of three couples who owe their relationship to Singles Night. Last week, the lucky pair won a free limo ride and dinner at The Prospect Inn. Eric and I curse our bad timing. We should have come last week... they even had a D.J. !

Much to our chagrin, we learn that Singles Night is being postponed until after the Holidays. Now neither of us will have a date for New Years Eve.

Oh well... I heard a rumor that the Ground Round might start their own evening of romance. It might be a bit of a meat market, but at least I won't end up with a cart full of unwanted groceries and a painfully empty heart.

How it works

1. Walk in.
2. Go to desk with Singles Night signs.
3. Madeline D. will take your name and give you the next number on the list.
4. Madeline D. will attach your number to your cart.
5. Comence shopping...and start scamming.
6. You are allowed to approach other shoppers with numbers.

I bet you didn't know he's a Giants fan...

Professor Profile
Robert Paquette

By Megan Reichgott '96
FEATURES WRITER

Scared? No way. Intimidated? Nah. Embarrassed?...Uh, yeah. How would you feel if one of the most pressing questions you could think of for an interview was "name your favorite character on the Brady Bunch?" This was my situation as I prepared to interview Professor Paquette.

Anyone who takes history at Hamilton knows first hand or has heard about "the professor who screams at you during class." However, I wanted to ask Paquette some questions that were perhaps beyond the ordinary realm of journalism.

After attending one of his Atlantic Slave Trade classes, I could tell that I didn't want to conduct an average interview; instead, I wanted to expose students to a side of Paquette that they don't usually see.

Paquette was born in Wellsville, New York. The town, situated right where the Appalachians run out, is in the poorest county in New York. In highschool Paquette was received all-American status in basketball. He continued to play hoop at Division I Bowling Green University but was forced to stop because of injuries.

When it comes to being a spectator, Paquette would rather watch the New York Giants play football. Paquette considers himself a serious fan, and uses most of the little time he spends watching T.V. cheering for his favorite team.

As a college student, Paquette received decent grades, but he admitted that he did not work hard for them. His advisor at Bowling Green convinced him to go to graduate school at the University of Rochester, where he says he "really learned to work."

At Rochester, Paquette met his mentor, Elizabeth Fox- Genovese. Fox- Genovese, a slavery scholar, catyalyzed Paquette's interest in this area of history. He later wrote a book on the subject, Sugar is Made with Blood , which won the 1992 Elsa Goveia Prize of the Association of Caribbean History.

Fox-Genovese taught him to live by the quote " a friend who is no critic is no friend at all." The reformed scholar says his best graduate school experience occured when he received honors on an oral history exam. It was the first time the University had granted such honors in over a decade.

Paquette now lives in Clinton with his wife and two children: an eight year old boy and a three year old girl. His wife is from Bellorose in the former Soviet Union. The two met in front of the card catalogue at the University of Rochester library. Her family emigrated during the Carter Administration, and heated debates with his wife's parents have greatly modified his views about Russia.

Although he has many projects under way, including an anthology on a conference at Hamilton last year which will be published next year by the University of Florida press, he regards his family as his greatest achievement.

Paquette's teaching career commenced here at Hamilton eleven years ago. He said he thinks the best aspect of the College is the administration's attempt to create both an intellectual and social atmosphere for the students. " Never before have I seen a greater effort extended by an administration to make a genuine community," he said.

On the other hand, Paquette regrets that students often do not take advantage of this effort, and fail to

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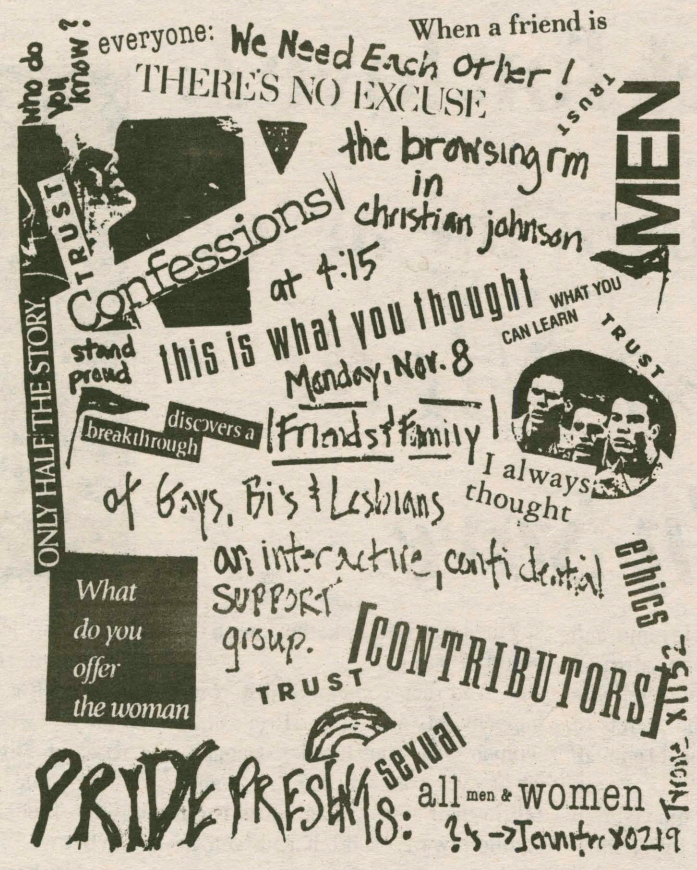

The purpose of PRIDE

By Bari Altberg '97
FEATURES EDITOR

You have probably seen posters or glanced over flyers while eating in dining halls and asked yourselves "what in the world is this organization called PRIDE?" PRIDE is a support group for people who are questioning their sexuality. Co- coordinated by Jennifer Dipero '94 and Tyrone Nichols '94, PRIDE provides a social setting for confidential talks. The group also engages in fun activities, movies and trips.

PRIDE is an outlet for people who wish to be among peers, listen to one another and talk about their problems if they so desire. "It becomes a group of friends," said Dipero.

PRIDE was designed for people questioning their sexuality at a time when society's pressure to be a part of the norm is especially prominent. Individuals who attend these meetings are not categorized. They are made to feel safe and secure with themselves.

The purpose of the group is to instill individual pride in all members. According to Depiro, sexuality is "fluid" at the meetings. Topics such as coming out to your family and the practice of sex are discussed. Members are only expected to talk if they feel completely comfortable doing so. PRIDE does not promise any solutions, but it is a source of light and release.

PRIDE is not just a five letter word. PRIDE is a group of friends willing to listen, wanting to help, and waiting to embrace new members.

Want to quit smoking? Cold Turkey is the best way to go

By Diann Lynch
R.N.C.C.H.N.

"Tobacco is a nauseating plant that is consumed by only two creatures—a small green worm and man. The small green worm does not know any better." (author unknown)

If you are one of the 17 million Americans who smoke, here are some reasons to stop:

- You probably have had bad breath and stained teeth.
- Your clothes and room smell bad.
- You annoy your nonsmoking friends every time you "light up."
- You more than likely spend over $1000 a year on cigarettes.
- You pose the risks of passive smoke to those around you.
- If you are pregnant, your fetus is at high risk for birth defects.
- Most importantly, you are at a greater risk of getting lung, mouth, and bladder cancers, heart disease, respiratory diseases, gum disease, and ulcers than are nonsmokers.
- It is the leading cause of death in the United States. Over 400,000 smoke-related deaths occur in this country each year.

Even though you realize that these are all good reasons to stop smoking, it will not be easy. You are probably nicotine-dependent and your body will go through some uncomfortable withdrawal symptoms. These may include irritability, difficulty sleeping, headaches, sweating, rapid heart beat, and intense craving for a cigarette. These symptoms usually get worse before they get better, but experts tell us that, after two weeks, they decrease in intensity and, in most cases, disappear within four weeks.

Research has shown that quitting "cold turkey" is the most successful way to stop smoking. However, if you are having severe withdrawal symptoms, your health care provider can prescribe a nicotine patch. This is a bandaid-like patch that delivers a prescribed dose of nicotine through the skin. The dose is decreased over a predetermined number of weeks until you are completely off the nicotine. You have to stop smoking while receiving this treatment and it is available by prescription only.

Once you decide to stop smoking, pick a date as "the day to stop" and commit yourself to stop smoking for good on that day. Announce to your friends that you are going to stop so they can give you support when needed. Write down all the reasons you want to stop smoking and read them often. Get rid of all ashtrays, lighters, and matches and air out or clean all your clothes that smell like smoke. Avoid going to places where people are smoking and ask your friends not to smoke around you. Eat a healthy diet, chew sugarless gum, and exercise regularly. The first few days will be the hardest and you may need to change routines that involve smoking. If you fail, try to figure out

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Believe it or not, you're going to make it

By Sarah Matloff '95
PEER ADVISOR

A lot of people think that homesickness is only a problem for first-years. But as any college student can attest, everyone gets a jolt now and then. Sometimes it is only for a fleeting moment, but it happens.

When I was homesick for the first time, I felt like a complete idiot. I had just come down with a cold and I was convinced that I was terminally ill. I would have given anything to be home in my own bed or to be able to take a hot bath. Instead, I had to deal with watery juice from the dining hall and unsympathetic professors. One of my close friends from home was unlucky enough to call me that night. I must have cried for a full ten minutes. At that point I didn't care about college. I just wanted to go home.

The whole issue of homesickness is a tough one to pin down, but in Letting Go , authors Coburn and Treeger give a decent explanation: "*I suddenly realized that I was staying - that this wasn't like camp or a vacation from home, that this was real life, and I got a funny sort of feeling. I had been swept along by the excitement of it, and I hadn't really let it sink in that this was now my home.*"

This type of feeling is common. During the first few weeks it is easy to get lulled into a false sense of security. Once things slow down and it's time to put your shoulder to the grindstone, life changes. Suddenly everything you see reminds you of

Personally, a bad day for me is a windfall to the telephone company.

home. You begin thinking that you see friends from home, and the idea of a private bathroom seems like an impossible dream. First- years go from a comfortable niche to a whole new environment where they have to start all over again. This often takes time. It also takes effort. Who wants to take a chance and say the initial "hello"?

It seems easy for some people. Many Hamilton students have instant friends from high school, summer camp, or family friends. If you are astudent who is left out of this network, making friends becomes even more insurmountable. The important thing to remember is that at some point everyone had to do what you are doing.

I must have cried for a full ten minutes. At that point I didn't care about college. I just wanted to go home.

For an upperclass student, homesickness is something entirely different. Personally, a bad day for me is a windfall to the telephone company. Whether I call my parents or a friend, hearing a voice from home somehow seems to make things a lot better. As we all know, phone bills can be deadly, but sometimes the expense is worth your mental health. Very often if you can take a minute to relax and talk about it, the problem disappears.

The issues that constitute a problem vary from class to class. Sophomores are concerned with deciding on a major and making the transition from low person on the totem pole to someone with a little more clout. It is also the time to deal with your friends', or possibly your own, involvement in societies. In the third year, students are considering studying abroad, taking most of their hard classes, and realizing that reality looms. For seniors, the real pressure is on. Not only do they have theses to worry about, but job and graduate school interviews and applications to prepare.

No matter what college you attend, things are bound to get boring. . Taking a road trip to visit a friend at another school can be a fantastic experience. There is a train/bus station in Utica, and you might be surprised at how nice someone down the hall might be about giving you a ride. The trip will give you a chance to unwind and see an old friend.

Just a word of caution: during a road trip or a first visit home you are bound to meet up with friends that can't shut up about how great their school is and how they haven't been the least bit homesick. One of my friends put on this type of show throughout our first year. When we all got home in the summer, he finally admitted that he was miserable for most of the year but he was too proud to tell us. In high school, he was the smartest, the most athletic, and the most popular. Being the low person on the totem pole was a tough adjustment. If he had talked to one of us earlier, he would have realized that many people feel the same way.

The important thing is for you to reach out for help if you need it.

Believe it or not, you are going to make it. Things will become routine, and before you know it, you will be completely assimilated. The important thing is that you reach out for help if you need it. Even if you just need a friendly and impartial ear, your effort will pay off. Get involved in different organizations and groups on campus. It's the best way to meet people who share your interests.

Paquette's bite is worse than his bark

*from **Paquette** on page 7*

meet the administration halfway.

One might think that once I had Paquette's undivided attention, I would ask a pressing question about a serious social problem, or maybe ask him to ponder the meaning of life.

Instead, I asked about his favorite flavor of ice cream. As it turns out, plain vanilla is his flavor of choice. Because Mozart, Bach and Beethoven are his favorite composers, he might listen to a symphony while eating his ice cream.

If Paquette could live in any time period in U.S. History, he would choose to live during the Civil War. That way he could have a conversation with Abraham Lincoln, his favorite president and the person in history he would most like to meet. Face to face, Paquette would ask the distinguished president whether he intended to implement the 40 acres and a mule policy.

One piece of advice that Paquette would give to students who are preparing to take his classes is "be prepared to work!" In his opinion, there is very little that separates students intellectually. The biggest difference he finds is in how hard they choose to work. Paquette especially enjoys teaching "Atlantic World in the Era of the Slave Trade" and "Conservative Thought in the United States." Paquette says that he would label himself a democrat-republic and that the older he gets, the more he appreciates the founding fathers.

All right, so maybe I didn't find out who Paquette's favorite character from the Brady Bunch is. Turns out he doesn't even watch the show. Indeed, his classes are not for couch potatoes. When asked the one thing he would like students to know about him, he paused, smiled, and proclaimed, "My bite is worse than my bark."

The benefits of quitting

*from **Lungs** on page 8*

what triggered you to smoke and plan other ways to deal with the situation that caused you to light up. Pick a new date and try to stop again. You can do it!

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Abortion week sparks fiery campus debate

Students question boundaries of free speech on abortion, Nazism and slander

To the Editor:

Like many other people on campus, we have become accustomed to the tactics of the Conservative Club. They, like others on campus, have the right to voice their opinions. Of course, the members of the Conservative Club are constantly "throwing" the argument of freedom of speech in their opponents' faces every time their tactics are criticized. On the other hand, when their opponents refute their arguments, the members of the Conservative Club refuse to listen and claim that their arguments and views are the only ones that are valid. They also try to impose their views on the Hamilton Community; these "open-minded" individuals negate the whole concept of freedom of speech.

Is it correct to use blatantly false and technically-enhanced, as well as medically inaccurate information to persuade the public to support your views? If a woman is considering an abortion, counseling is mandatory in New York State, and if she still wants to proceed with the abortion, she is strongly advised to have one within twelve weeks (the first trimester). After twelve weeks, abortions are *strongly* discouraged because it is unhealthy for the woman, and can permanently damage her reproductive system. Because each woman makes a different personal choice, counseling is crucial before, during, and after the abortion process. Is is correct then, to manipulate pain, guilt, suffering and shame into one individual because of the personal choices she makes? Is it correct to manipulate the Administration and Peers just to make some dramatic and irrational point? Is it pleasant to see decapitated/dismembered bodies of babies before eating? Is this how the members of the Conservative Club get their thrills? When they accuse us of being murderers and supporters of murderers, do they realize that it is not us who put up these "wonderful and medically-inaccurate, technically-enhanced" pictures in Dining halls and Dining hall tables of babies—older babies (not fetuses) who have gone through the whole nine months of gestation? Do you think we are idiots and don't know the DIFFERENCE?? These tactics do not exemplify freedom of speech. It is not us who eat our food calmly because we are not disturbed by these "exquisite" pictures. It is not us who support the extermination of all gays and lesbians, or the isolation of people with AIDS, of the oppression of women and people of color. IT IS YOU! THE MEMBERS OF THE CONSERVATIVE CLUB!

The issue of abortion does not affect the members of the Conservative Club, they just want to create controversies by inflicting pain on others because they have nothing better to do. Perhaps they are afraid of having the real truth exposed. If the truth was exposed, people would not support their warped, sick thoughts and actions (presently, not many people do anyway!) Please, do the campus a favor, try to use accurate, non-technically manipulated images to make your point.

We are Seniors who are ecstatic to know that they (those fools know who they are) will be graduating and returning to their respective foreign homes; they are an unhealthy attribute to Hamilton.

Neva P. Caraballo-Morales '94
Cherryl Ann Shivani
Premdass '94

To the Editor:

In response to the recent posters proclaiming Abortion Awareness, I find them utterly repulsive. The posters are in poor taste and do not respect the privacy and choice of others. The tactics employed by the Conservative Club are equal to those employed by liberal interest groups that subject one to obscenities so as to appeal to others for support. I choose the word obscenity deliberately because that is exactly what the posters are—nauseating and offensive.

As a male, I cannot comment on this as a survivor of abortion. But I can remark that it is necessary for the Conservative Club to realize the manner in which they subjected their opinion was inappropriate and radical. I pronounce myself to be conservative in my views. I am a white male Roman Catholic brought up in a white collar community. I was taught that abortion is unacceptable, yet I believe that every woman has the "right to privacy and control" of her own body. For me to inflict my values upon others in the manner in which the Conservatives choose is reprehensible. It is our Constitutionally granted First Amendment right to voice our opinion, but it is not our right to offend others.

Perhaps a more "conservative" method would have been to exclude the photograph overall. Yet if the Conservatives feel so compelled to subject the campus to the photograph, then place notices in student mailboxes. Therefore, those who repudiate their view could easily discard the notice. However, the conservatives chose to exhibit a repulsive display which will remain hanging in clear view of all. To expose anyone to such abuse is inexcusable.

I am disappointed and ashamed of my fellow conservatives. Has it come to the point where in order to prove a point we must expose others to the repulsive? I certainly hope not.

Fred Bush '96

To The Editor:

We the undersigned, write to articulate our vehement opposition to yesterdays flagrant violation of civil rights committed in The Daily Bull. Unfortunately, as in most cases of this nature, the party responsible has failed to attach any affiliation to this hideous breech of communitarianism on "our campus".

Let none of us forget that each and every Hamilton student as well as every United States citizen has a first amendment right called "freedom of speech." The irony that strikes us all in this matter is the fact that the party responsible for this action advocate this right only when it is convenient for them to enforce their own political agenda.

To speculate and elude to the fact that these individuals are "racist,sexist and homophobic," is an infringement on their civil rights and falls under the clause of Character Defamation. Moreover, to use the Daily Bull (which the last time we checked was a daily events bulletin) as a vehicle to achieve your political ends is nothing more than hypocrisy in its purest form. We shudder to imagine what response would be elicited if pictures of members of the GLBSA were plastered about campus with similar antagonistic labels attached. Both the party responsible and the Publications Board should consider themselves lucky if they are not faced with a civil law suit.

A liberal education includes the "free exchange" of all ideas, whether they be to the left or right of center is irrelevant. Acts which culminate in the personal attack of individuals who did nothing more than exercise their First Amendment Rights is reprehensible and inexcusable.

The under signed are comprised of both PRO-CHOICE and PRO-LIFE supporters:

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To the Editor and the Community:

Anonymity has become a fashionable shield. Insult, degrade, argue, expound-if no one knows these are your views, you can't be held responsible for them.

As fellow members of the Hamilton community, we have become disgusted by the unsigned, unacknowledged, and unclear threats and attacks that have lately been made on our friends and our enemies. We are writing, therefore, to reinforce our conviction that direct conversation and open-minded debate are the community's most constructive and most acceptable means of declaring personal views to individuals or to groups of any size.

Stephanie Chandler '94
Namita Goswami '94
Jennifer Silber '94

To the Editor:

I would like to address the contents on the backside of yesterday's *Daily Bull*. The bulletin names three Hamilton students and accuses them of Nazism, racism, sexism, homophobia, and slander. The accusers tie these students to the campus Conservative Club and claim that they have insulted and offended faculty members and students. These brave and courageous crusaders against racism, homophobia, and all that is evil neglected to sign their names to the bulletin. The anonymous accusations are not only cowardly ands uncalled for, but make the authors of the flier guilty of the same malicious slander of which they accuse the three students.

First, accusing the students of being Nazis, racists, etc. and linking them with Hamilton's Conservative Club is a lame attempt to classify the entire Conservative Club as racists, sexists, and homophobes. The desire to stereotype the whole Conservative Club as racists, sexists, and homophobic appears to be a reaction to the club's pictures of aborted fetuses which were posted in the dining hall. Granted, I found these pictures disturbing and inappropriate for the dining hall. But I could convey these feelings to the Conservative Club because they signed their fliers to the posters. Trying to categorize all of the Conservative Club members as Nazis because three of their members may or may not be Nazis is an unsuitable response to anti-abortion fliers.

I would also like to address the manner in which the students are accused of being Nazis. The accusers use big bold-faced words and are vague in their charges. They describe no specific instances in which the students displayed racist tendencies, they mention no specific victims of the accused students' alleged hatred, and they provide no witnesses of the students' Nazism. The accusers weakly cover their allegations by posing questions such as "Have they offended you?" and "Do they represent the majority view on campus?" They use these questions to make their gutless accusations seem like some sort of open forum on campus.

Finally, the anonymity of these allegations takes away any possible credibility they might have had. How do I know that the writers of this garbage simply do not have a vendetta against these three students? I can not ask the accusers. How can these students address those who accuse them if they do not know who they are? Such serious charges demand that some one take responsibility for them, especially if they are to be believed.

Sam Hoffmann '96

To the Editor:

I have read half a dozen articles in the *Spec* by students trying to tell us how tired they are of seeing how intolerant, aggressive and destructive some people are in expressing their opposing views on this campus. I have tried to avoid writing yet another one of those letters for over two years but this week's events involving the Conservative Club did it for me! This is definitely getting out of hand people! Cut the garbage! If you have a problem with a certain person's believes, confront that person! Don't photocopy anonymous, meaningless and annoying flyers, don't deface OUR campus, don't hex people! For goodness sake! I think some of us have so much time and money on our hands that we are wasting paper and time desperately searching for a war to fight. Give it up! Grow up!

Ever since I arrived to Hamilton I have been hearing countless accusations against the members of the Conservative Club, for the same amount of time I have talked to them and become friends with them. Although I am not pro-life and I do not agree with everything they say, I respect them and continue to be friends with them. They, in turn, respect my beliefs. They DO have respect for others! Pretty much the same scenario is true with all my friends in other student organizations that oppose to their ideas, yet, it is hard to have the two groups come to any real agreement. These two groups, as well as the rest of this campus, must learn to be more tolerant of each other's opinions.

From a very objective point of view I must say that the Conservative Club has been treated very unfairly by a large majority of the Hamilton community. Not many people have taken the time to have a thorough and constructive discussion with these intelligent individuals to hear out what they are really trying to tell us. Opposing radicals have given them labels such as Pro-Nazis and Fascists, without even knowing the true meaning of these terms. Anyone who is so lazy and ignorant as to look at a flyer accusing a few men of

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EDITORIAL

Controversy out of control

Controversy is great for a newspaper, but it's not so great for people. It has a tendency to hinder rational conversation, as we have all seen.

Abortion Awareness Week has brought an issue to our attention which is important to all of us, but it has also made evident the Hamilton tendency to create controversy out of control.

A lot has been said in anger over the last few days. Before everyone gets carried away, now is the time to stop and take a deep breath. Collect ourselves. Maybe count to ten. If we keep going like this, the situation will get out of control. Right now we need to release a little pressure.

Criticisms and accusations have been leveled at groups and individuals, and some of it is getting ugly. As a publication dedicated to ethical principles, responsible to its readers yet painfully aware of state libel laws, *The Spectator* is trying to provide an open forum for all discussion. This has not been easy, because on both sides some pretty low blows have been thrown. This is not the way to have a rational, intelligent discussion of the issues. Let's all grow up.

Ripping posters into bits just because you do not agree with them is not mature. Publicly slandering someone's name, whether you believe they did right or wrong, is not doing anyone any good. (Not to mention the fact that it's illegal.)

Instead of immediately jumping to an emotional response, each of us should use this disagreement to think about our individual positions and learn the facts. It's easy to be guided by gut instinct, but if we all follow our instincts we may reach irrational conclusions. Listen to the facts. Think them through. Then say what you feel and listen to what somebody else has to say.

Abortion is a subject that tends to evoke strong reactions. It's emotional, personal and individual. Abortion is not categorically right or wrong. It changes for everyone involved in every situation. What might be the best choice for you today might be the worst tomorrow. Whether or not you agree with abortion, no one else has the right to tell you what to believe.

Someday abortion laws might be abolished in all 50 states. It may again become the forbidden, clandestine and dangerous act it was in the 1960s. That is good or bad, depending on your opinion. And you are entitled to have your opinion. But the person next to you is equally entitled to their opinion. You don't have to agree, but you also shouldn't condemn them for it.

Try and imagine a society where we all had to monitor what we said and did. *Big Brother is watching.*

We should consider ourselves lucky that we are not ruled and repressed, subject to a tyrannical master. We are allowed to speak freely. It's nice to see someone stand up and say something, *anything*, for a change, but it's too bad the context has been so negative.

If it's what you believe, speak your mind. But think before you act, and make sure you're not just contributing to so much useless noise.

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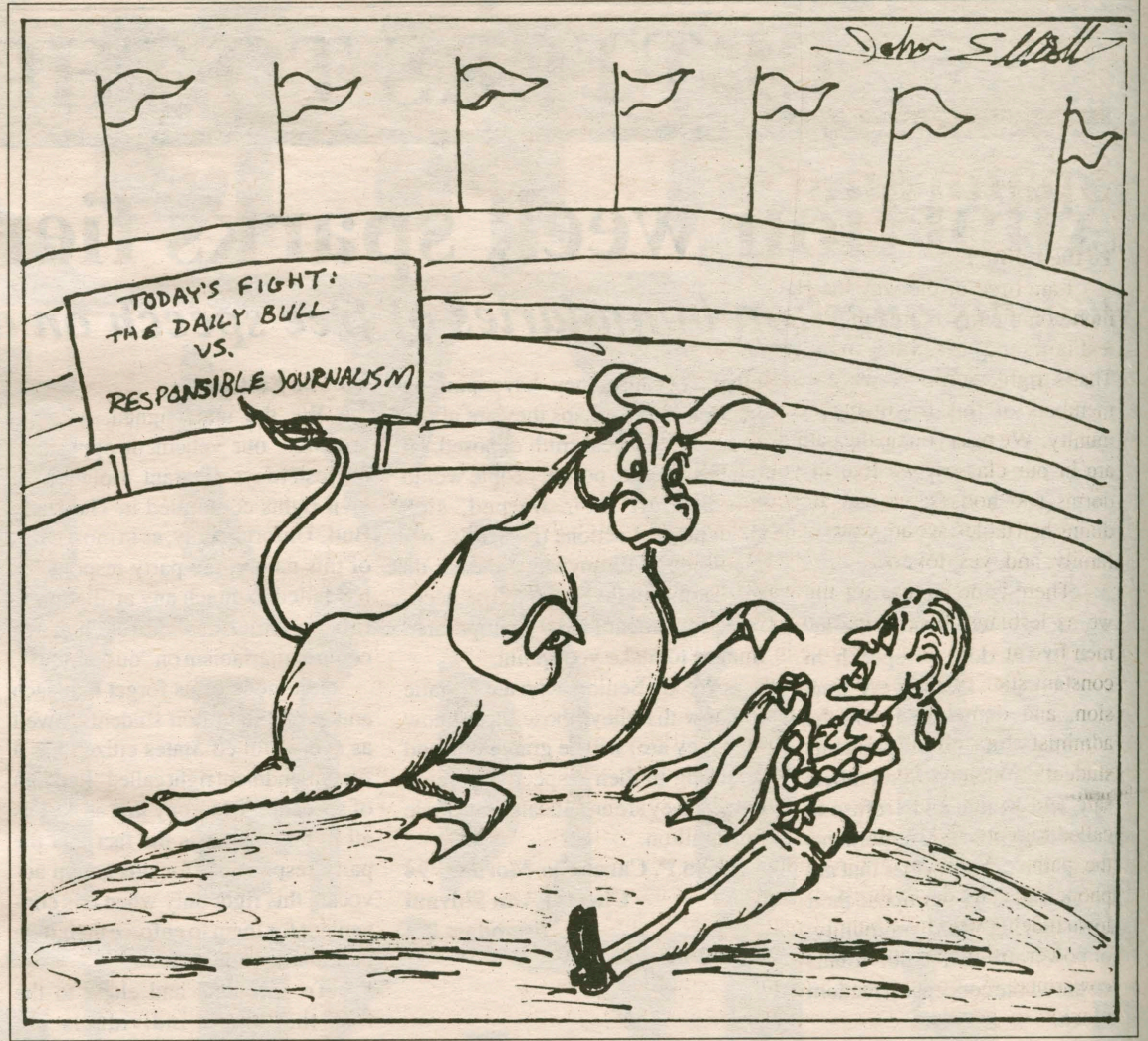

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Isserman clarifies Presidents' Greek status

To the Editor:

I was intrigued to read in a letter to the editor in the last issue of the Spectator the claim that all but two Presidents of the United States have been members of Greek societies. I don't quite understand how that could be the case, since I can think of four presidents off-hand who never attended college (George Washington, Andrew Jackson, Abraham Lincoln, and Harry Truman), and three more who attended West Point or Annapolis (Ulysses S. Grant, Dwight Eisenhower, and Jimmy Carter.) Lyndon Johnson was not a member of a Greek society when he attended Southwest Texas State Teachers College. I don't know if Woodrow Wilson was a member of a private eating club (Princeton's equivalent of a fraternity) when he attended that university as an undergraduate, but when he became President of Princeton, he undertook a campaign to abolish the eating clubs, which he regarded as snobbish, undemocratic and anti-intellectual.

Naturally, I mean to cast no aspersions on contemporary fraternities, either at Hamilton or anywhere else. I'm sure they are all wonderful, wholesome institutions, where the love of learning, dedication to service, and a spirit of tolerance and charity are uppermost at all times in the minds of their members. But I do hope that in the interests of free speech and informed debate the editors of the Spectator will continue to publish articles bearing on questions of residential life, be they pro- or anti-fraternity, as they see fit.

Maurice Isserman
Associate Professor of History

P.S. I am still wondering how all that excrement got on the floor of the Theta Delta Chi fraternity at the University of Arizona. No doubt the unfairly maligned brothers at TDX have a good explanation. Perhaps it was an organic chemistry experiment gone awry.

Some sixteenth century ideas on travel

To the Editor:

After reading the article, "Paris: The most beautiful city in the world" (*Spectator*, November 5th, 1993) I would like to offer you these excerpts from *The Essays* written by Montaigne, a 16th Century French philosopher, to the students who are in Paris and to all the ones who will be travelling to France or anywhere else. I hope the quotations will prevent people from making any prejudgements or futile conclusions about a country that they are just discovering.

"....In addition to these reasons, travelling seems to me a beneficial occupation. The mind is then constantly busied in observing novel and unknown things: and I know no better school, as I have often said wherein to fashion life, than to set before it incessantly the diversity of so many others lives, opinions, and customs and to cause it to have a little knowledge of so perpetual a variety of forms of our nature....The diversity of modes of living between one nation and another affects me only with pleasure in the variety. Every custom has its reason....When I have been elsewhere than in France, and have been asked out of courtesy if I wished to be served in the French fashion, I have laughed at the idea and have always frequented the tables most full of foreigners. I am ashamed to see my countrymen besotted by the foolish humour of being exasperated by fashions contrary to their own; they seem to themselves to be out of their element when they are out of their village....wherever they go, they cling to their customs and abhor those that are strange to them....It is very well said that a well bred-man is a man of many ingredients." -Montaigne, *The Essays* (Book III, IX, of Vanity)

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Spahn shares difficulty of homosexual experience at Hamilton

To the Editor:

I am tired of the way the Hamilton community is treating its gay, lesbian, and bisexual members. That's right, surprise, we are also members of this fragmented community. We pass you on the path; we are in our classes; we live in your dorms and houses; we eat at your dining hall tables; we are your friends, family, and, yes, lovers.

There is no excuse for the way we as lesbians, bisexuals, and gay men live at Hamilton. We live in a constant state of fear, threat, exclusion, and denial by faculty, staff, administrators, alumni, trustees, and students. We have NO place to feel safe and to call our own. We are called faggots, dykes and queers on the path. We receive threatening phone calls and death threats by fellow students who hide behind years of power, privilege, anonymity, and cowardice. We endure all of the pain of minority people, yet receive none of the compensations from the college. We are called upon day after day to explain our existence to those who are capable of educating themselves. We are given little opportunity to learn about our own people's history in our classes. We are handed the same clouded Hamilton history as everyone else which denies the true fact that Alexander Hamilton was a gay African American male. We are forced to remain in our closets to make it easier on those who oppress us. We are never considered to be uncomfortable in the blind eyes of the straights. And we are excused as radical, in your face, gropers by a simple kiss. This type of dismissal of gay, lesbian, and bisexual people voiced in Eric Ritvo's '94 article upset me personally.

People who share Eric Ritvo's sentiments while claiming "I have no problem with homosexual love" are lying. "Admit it: All of you have some discomfort with homosexuality. Your minds have been as polluted as ours by the homophobic society in which we live" (Michelangelo Signorile). The inherent hypocrisy in Eric's article is blinding to those who can see it. Every time I encounter such philosophies I want to scream with frustration. This is a very personal issue for me. I have felt attacked personally, and no one—not the queers, not the conservatives, not the people of color, not womyn, nor the religious enthusiasts—deserve to be attacked personally. Yes, I am angry. Only recently have I realized that I'm entitled to that anger. I am not just a piece of comic relief for straight entertainment. I can and do get angry, and I now have the privilege to let the world know it because I am out, proud, and won't take anymore abuse. I'm sorry if that makes you uncomfortable, but you must realize that my anger comes from years of being made uncomfortable with little or no support from other people.

What have you, as a past or present member of the Hamilton community, done to support lesbians, bisexuals or gay men lately? We are given little active support by anyone other than our own bisexual, lesbian, and gay brothers and sisters. We love our few straight allies, but the sad truth is that their support is given privately. The majority of "allies" sit back and let us do all of the work. This apathy is not being a true ally. Is this a fight that is only worth the efforts of a few individuals? I think not. That is why I fight so hard, but lately I've felt very alone.

I am personally tapped-out of energy. I am challenging all of my friends and straight allies to show their support. Don't wait for us to ask for support or to tell you what kind of support to show. You are all intelligent people who can find ways to publicly show our community that you appreciate the efforts of the out members and that you wish you could stop the pain of those still in their closets. Then, maybe then, you can truly become allies and stop our pain.

Currently, Hamilton treats the out gay, lesbian, bisexual members of our campus as freaks and denies the existence of the many more who remain in their closets. Do you know that the GLBSA (a twenty year- old organization, and now one of the most powerful multicultural organizations on campus) is not included in any of the Hamilton College publications because it would upset too many heterosexual alum? I have been told several times that this was an oversight, but I have to wonder how actively people were trying not to see it.

As an openly gay man on this campus, I am overlooked every day. Unless you are another openly gay man, lesbian, or bisexual person on campus, you have no clue how difficult it is to live here. I also lived here my first year when I was still in the closet. For me being in the closet was even worse. The pressures of self-hatred culminated into suicidal wishes. When are we—straight and gay—going to realize—one, that this is unacceptable pressure to put on anyone, and two, that we all need to actively support the elimination of the homophobia and heterosexism that promotes such pressures.

I do not want to place pressure on those who are in their closets to come out. I only wish you happiness, any way you can find that for yourself. You are all very important men and women. Do not let anyone tell you that your feelings of love or your sexual feelings are wrong, no matter how pro-gay they seem to be. Your feelings are valid, natural and wonderful. My hope and energies are directed toward a day when we will all realize this simple fact as truth.

Jeffrey Spahn '95

French student claims Features Focus misrepresented France

To the Editor:

Born and residing in France I was touched by many points which were discussed in the Features section of *The Spectator* of November 5, 1993, entitled, "Paris: The most beautiful city in the world." This two page article written in order to enhance Junior Year Abroad in Paris does not portray the real image of Paris, and France, but worsens it.

"In France, this feeling of not being wanted is more obvious than America," states Ladeji. How can one be claiming such a negative statement, by simply having stayed in Paris for such a limited period of time? One is assuming this by having found posters supporting the "National Front." It is indeed a racist and fascist movement, however it is not in power and not at all in majority. How can one be generalizing this from such a minor incident, claiming that not only Paris, but the entire country is racist? In this article one is to admire this person for her overgeneralizing. If one were to originate a better example of overgeneralization one would have had a hard time.

Also, when looking closely at this other quote, "Frenchman perceive American women like the women in the movies...they think we are easy." explained by "whistling and harassing comments," one is to really wonder how those premises conclude that Frenchmen are "sexists." It is hard for me to remain calm and to swallow such infuriating comments.

Of course this happens, but it also happens everywhere else...even in America, believe it or not! To assume that because the writer was told such events occurred in one part of Paris, how is one to conclude, then, that Frenchmen, not Parisians, are sexist. This opinion and critique is going way out of proportion. Saying that all Frenchmen are all this way would be the same as saying that Americans are fat. Of course, this is not true. None of these statements are true, however it happens that some people are indeed sexist. Nevertheless the whole culture or country does not necessarily fall into that same category.

Furthermore when the writer is claiming, "I feel like I am beginning to live a different culture, that I can understand the French way of life," the only thought that comes to mind is that she has not a clue of what she is saying. Before openly criticizing something or someone, like France

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MacAvery's assumptions on GLBSA are incorrect

To the Editor:

I am writing in response to a letter which appeared in last week's issue, submitted by J. Terence MacAvery '73. Mr. MacAvery's complaints about the GLBSA-sponsored kiss-in deeply disturbed me and, as one of Mr. Spahn's "cohorts," I feel justified in challenging those complaints.

Mr. MacAvery stated in his letter that "offensiveness to people that disagree with Spahn is probably of no concern to those that have his view." Perhaps Mr. MacAvery is unaware of the fact that the kiss-in action was advertised in obvious locations on campus during the four days preceding it, making it easily avoidable for those offended by displays of homosexual affection. Perhaps he is also unaware of the fact that the entire Hamilton community was invited to participate in the kiss-in, regardless of sexual orientation.

I somehow doubt, however, that this information would make any difference at all to Mr. MacAvery, who seemed most concerned for "the vast majority of heterosexuals offended by such behavior." His assumption that the majority here at Hamilton would prefer to reject the displays of affection he terms "nonsense" is not only insulting, but also incorrect. Of course, there are people at this college who were just as disgusted by the kiss-in as he appears to have been. I have the feeling though, that he would be genuinely surprised at the number of heterosexuals, like myself, who wore purple in support of Coming Out Day 1993. (Unfortunately, Mr. MacAvery, I am unable to support my argument with statistics.) Furthermore, his suggestion that those offended by the kiss-in need to be spoon-fed an opportunity to express themselves is equally as offensive.

I agree with Mr. MacAvery that controversial issues at Hamilton are most often treated with "thundering silence," and like he, am disgusted with the apathy so prevalent on this campus. But is his threat to withhold financial support from Hamilton a result of his disappointment in the community? I would argue that it is a result of his blatant homophobia.

I would be extremely interested to hear Mr. MacAvery's suggestions as to how the GLBSA could promote its cause in a less offensive and more efficient manner. Finally, I cannot help but question Mr. MacAvery's list of Hamilton's virtues. Is freedom of expression not one of those?

Kate Graetzer '94

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Judicial system's pampering of criminals must end

To the Editor:

America is at war. The enemy is not Iraq, nor is it Russia. Somalia is not the enemy, and Haiti isn't the enemy, either. The enemy is ourselves. Murder, theft and rape have driven the crime to alarmingly high levels, and it is time the people realize the entire nation is in a state of emergency. It is ironic that the country defending the world from the likes of Fidel Castro, Saddam Hussein, and General Farrah Aidid cannot protect its own citizens from 13 year-old boys.

One such boy was recently arrested for shooting a German man who was vacationing in Florida. There is nothing unusual about this, though. One can read the newspaper on any given day and read about children being arrested for such heinous crimes as murder, theft and assault. The trouble is that nothing happens to them. The boy who shot the German man had been arrested 52 times previous to this incident. 52 times!! Why was this pusillanimous criminal out on the streets? There are two issues concerning crime as it affects is in America. One is what we are doing wrong in the distribution of justice. The other is what could we do to better deal with crime.

It is fairly easy to discover what we are doing wrong; we are pampering criminals. To quote columnist Edward Grimsley, America needs "a system of justice that attaches more importance to preserving the pride and dignity of victims than it does to protecting the pride and dignity of criminals." This is not the case in America today. When criminals are convicted of crimes, they should not be pampered; they should be dealt with sternly. If this is not done, our country will continue to tumble toward chaotic Third World-ism.

When one looks at what we are doing wrong, it is easy to see what could be done to reverse the downward slide. Columnist Charlie Reese has outlined what his ideas of a jail should be. First, only people who are dangerous, ie. people who have committed murder, rape and assault, would have to work for the state doing things like collecting garbage or working for D.M.V. The other option is to pay heavy fines. Without these people in jail there would be fifty percent more jail space in the country. There would be no parole, no probation. Good behavior would entitle the criminal to get out on time. Bad behavior would result in a longer sentence. Prisons would not look like gyms; they would have no recreation, no amenities, no privileges. There would be no television, radio or stereo. Prisoners would be required to do some form of hard labor, regardless of how trivial.

If a riot ensues, Reese has a very simple solution: "just mass your forces and start shooting prisoners and keep shooting until there isn't any riot left. No negotiations ever." Prison officials would, of course, be allowed to shoot prisoners in self-defense.

I believe that military bases, which are becoming increasingly superfluous due to the cessation of the Cold War should be turned into military style prisons. Drill sergeants and other military personnel, who are well trained to dish out unpleasantness, would run these jails without mercy. Reese's ideas should be implemented here, as well as other jails, to ensure compliance and obedience.

These types of jails would be very unpleasant, and therefore very effective. People who had been through them would not want to go back, and people who had not would never want to go. We do not treat our enemies of war lightly, and I do not see the difference here. Criminals with the audacity they have today not only cost us millions every year through stolen property, high taxes and large insurance rates, but they also threaten our pursuit of life, liberty and happiness. America, we are at war and we need to destroy our enemy quickly and fiercely.

Hunter Chamberlin '95

Abortion memory lingers in man's mind

Steve Groening
Guest Columnist

The curriculum at my high school was remarkably progressive for a Catholic school. We had a "sexual morality" course, we were required to provide public service at homeless shelters around Washington D.C., and we even had a course in "social justice" which addressed issues of gender, class, and sexuality (but not race).

The summer before my junior year I began to date a woman I met at my summer job in downtown D.C. This relationship was the first serious relationship for both of us (complete with dinners and movies and kissing and all that stuff), my mother warned me that this relationship would cause problems because it was interracial. I thought that we would go through some tough times fighting prejudice and stereotypes and all the rest of it, but it turned out the toughest fight we had was with our hormones.

Come about November we took the plunge and agreed that we should have sex. For two people brought up

Real people with real lives, loves and feelings are involved

in doctrinaire Catholic households this was no easy step. We decided to make the decision "better" by not using birth control (something we both learned was immoral in our schools). What surprises me now is that it took us so long to conceive a child.

We had no clue as to what to do about her pregnancy. There was no way that she at sixteen and I at fifteen were going to become parents. There was no way that she was going to spend her junior year of high school pregnant. I could not (and still can not) imagine the embarrassment that this would cause her. Helpless and lost we finally broke the news to our parents, so we had the "I lost my virginity" conversation and the pregnancy conversation in the same night.

Her parents decided to take the matter in their own hands. They decided we could not see each other again and that she was to have an abortion. Even as the father, I was not allowed to be at the clinic. My mother agreed with the decision to have an abortion, but thought that we would be better off spending time with each other. "It's a time like this," I remember her saying, "when you two need each other the most."

I could not have agreed with her more and my girlfriend and I began making clandestine meetings. Eventually her parents let us see each other again, provided that she not come over to my house and that I was only allowed in her house when her parents were there.

It took us a while to get back into our sexual relationship. We had both sworn off sex but soon found our hormones driving us batty (I was the especially weak one in this case). By that fall we were having sex again, this time, instead of the rhythm method (not a good idea even if you are musically inclined), we decided to use condoms. We became excellent at sneaking around her parents and having sex quite often. Nothing could have surprised me more than the condom breaking at a climactic moment one night.

We knew we could not let our parents find out about this. We knew she was pregnant as soon as I figured out what had happened. However, we marched off and bought ourselves a pregnancy test anyway. We then began the process of raising money for the next abortion. The two hundred dollars needed for an abortion at that time in Washington D.C. seemed like a fortune to me. I raised money every way I could; from borrowing money from friends to pawning jewelry. Our parents, the real source of our income, must not know. We both skipped school to go downtown to the clinic. I waited in the lobby reading about birth control ineffectiveness. I never found out what really happened behind that door. While she told me it was not so bad, she seemed so weak and out of sorts for the rest of the week I had to wonder.

I came out of high school scarred and guilty. I carried the receipt for the abortion in my wallet for months afterwards. I knew I had done something wrong. I knew I had helped to ruin this woman's life. While she had a choice in what happened and I supported her as much as I could, I still felt responsible. I did not feel guilty for the abortion, I felt it was necessary. We were not ready to be parents, we were barely ready to graduate high school and we certainly acted like we were not ready to have sex. But I did feel awful about impregnating her and living with the knowledge that she had to go through two operations because of my lack of self-control.

I feel scared and sad writing this article, for although I have spoken about this issue before, it is hard to write about. I write this article without my ex-girlfriend's permission and with neither my mother or her parents knowing about the second abortion (no one other than my mother in my family knows even about the first abortion).

During "Abortion Awareness Week" at Hamilton, I wonder what message I have to offer the campus. On the one hand, nothing any pro-lifer has ever said to me (and I have talked to quite a few) has ever changed my mind. But I was not pro-choice then because I was a feminist, or because I thought it was a woman's fundamental right, or because I do not think it is murder, but because I had no other real choice. When I hear people talk about abortion and abortion clinics and murder and fetus viability it never sounds like they talk about real people. Unwanted pregnancies occur all the time, they even occur on this campus. So when we talk about abortion, please remember real people with real lives, loves, and feelings are involved. Never forget that we should care as much for these people as for our beliefs.

Compiled by Matthew Davidson '95

Voice Box: What do you think about the abortion posters?

"I think they have a right to be up there, even though they are offensive. I think that there should be posters for both sides of the issue."
—Alicia White Davis '97

"The pro-life pictures are pretty graphic, yet they send out an important message."
—Peter Webster '96

"I don't like them. I was very concerned about their affect on women who have been through this experience."
—Tracy Stoer '94

"I thought they were inappropriate for dining halls."
—Tim Jones '96

Attitudes

The Spectator November 12, 1993

Encouraging discourse will promote diversity on campus

Larry McKiernan
Guest Columnist

This past week has been one of the most intense ones at Hamilton for me. I witnessed a further decay of discourse on a campus that is notorious for its lack of quality discourse. How? Through personal defamation. What is worse is that many people who I respect and trust saw no problem with this defamation; it was high time other people were oppressed besides minority groups, they claim. To say the least, the oppression on this campus is extremely tangible when people have to explain their identities every day, are harassed for their sexuality, ignored or scoffed at because of their skin hue, their appearance, their accent, the fact that they enjoy speaking a different language, the fact that they choose to interact within their own group, their physical interaction, their ideology, and the list goes on.

If you are a white, straight, suburban, English-speaking man or woman (though women are ogled and harassed continually), then the above experience may be completely foreign to you. You are privileged and tacitly accepting the oppression of other groups if you are not trying to alleviate the pain and suffering they feel. I am not promoting a utopia where everybody is forced to love one another and things will be just peachy. I am just sick and tired of being sick and tired of being perceived as an other and having my closest friends harassed for their identities. Freedom, to me, is, at the most basic level, the ability to live without being oppressed. This condition does not exist at Hamilton. To be honest, it may never exist because our differences will put pressure on us to conform to some general unity. We are not all the same, but we should be able to live with our differences and respect them. We must try to construct a society where people can at least express themselves without being personally attacked. The flyers put on our dining hall tables Monday morning, unfortunately, did just that: they personally attacked individuals because of their differences.

To be honest with the community, I offered to put some of those reprehensible flyers on tables Monday morning when the individual who wrote them showed them to me. Initially, I thought they were quite humorous. After thinking about the implications of putting the flyers up, however, I decided against it and threw them in the garbage, where they belong. Am I a hypocrite? Maybe. Actually, I would like to think that after thinking about it, I learned from my initial reaction. I consider it a process of personal growth as a person determined to respect other people's right to express themselves. That is why I am vehemently opposed to the personal attacks in Monday's flyers and in yesterday's *Daily Bull*.

My opposition to these flyers is manifold, though it comes down to one simple fact: people judge others without really knowing them. I personally know Lukasz Urban '94, David Pascual '94, Mike Peluse '94, and many of the other members of the now-infamous Conservative Club. I disagree with almost every view they hold, though I have engaged them many times to discover their beliefs. It is important to understand that they are not Nazis or Fascists. They are all Catholic and believe that the Catholic Church should be an orthodox and powerful organization. They believe in the authority of the Church and that it should influence our personal lives. Because of their religion, they believe, for instance, that abortions should be illegal, that contraception should not be allowed, that if you are a sinner you should heed the word of God and live through the splendor of God. This does not make them Fascists or Nazis, at least the last time I checked. More importantly, if you think this does make them Fascists I think you are trivializing a very powerful movement. Fascism requires that people act on their passions and, among other things, kill people who do not concord to a defined ideology. As far as I know, it is not in the Constitution of the Conservative Club that all sinners shall be killed. Fascism is extremely dangerous and before throwing out the label, we should understand it. There is another point I wanted to make, if you give any of the members of the Conservative Club a chance, they will explain their beliefs as they enjoy having "intellectual" arguments. So, go ahead, engage them.

Personally, I disagree with the Conservative Club's reliance on Church doctrine. It is too authoritarian for my taste. I prefer the idea that individuals can create themselves according to their own principles. You may think that their reliance on Church doctrine is sexist, homophobic or whatever, but you should discover it by yourself. More importantly, do not label them as an evil "other." As soon as the label is thrown out, dialogue becomes impossible. When people cannot engage each other's ideas, then the society will surely decay. The conflict of ideas is what makes strong individuals and lets us celebrate the multiplicity of our personalities. Shutting people up, publicly humiliating them, and labelling them kills the diversity of ideas, and ultimately kills a society founded on the idea of promoting diversity. More importantly, it sets a precedent for public humiliation the next time you are taking a stand. It also becomes very difficult to expect free speech when you are curtailing it—it is too contradictory. So, if you want to protect your own right to free speech, you should protect other people's rights, too.

Please try to engage other people instead of attacking them. More importantly, protect your own right to free expression by protecting other people's rights. If you can, live by Voltaire's wise principle, "I disapprove of what you say, but I will defend to the death you right to say it" because "liberty of thought is the life of the soul."

Flyers and posters raise campus-wide debate

*From **Debate** on page 9*

something and think they know enough to judge them and have an intelligent opinion about them doesn't deserve to be at a school like this one. So I ask whoever is trying to ruin my friends' reputations, "Who are you trying to appeal to? (you are insulting our intelligence), Who's minds are you trying to change? and WHY?" WHATEVER you are trying to do is NOT constructive.

This scandal has reached such absurd heights that if any one of the Conservative Club dared to say something publicly in his or the club's defense, it would be used against him and immediately thrown back at him without even having been heard. This club represents an unpopular minority that MUST be respected and given equal rights of expression as the other, larger, more popular student organizations. That is, of course, if we are still striving to improve this place that we all live in... together.

Victor Pena '95

Safety Walk notes potholes and poor lighting as dangers

To the Hamilton Community:

Early in the Fall semester each year the Residential Life Committee conducts a "Safety Walk" across campus. The purpose for the walk is to identify dangerous or potentially dangerous areas on campus. After assessing the campus this year, we met with Pat Ingalls to express our concerns. In early October, Pat presented Physical Plant with the following: potholes behind Dunham and South, lack of reflectors on the chains in front of Commons, South, and the Chemistry building, insufficient lighting around Dunham and the Field House parking lot, the Chapel, and the walkways leading to many Residence Halls, and finally, the shrubbery overgrowth which has blocked many lights on the South side of campus.

At this point in the semester, we are evaluating the various housing options available on campus. In order to accurately assess the needs and reactions of the community, we need your input. Therefore, we are holding a few of our meetings within the Residence Halls. This Monday, November 15, at 7 pm we will be meeting in the faculty Lounge in KJ. Please join us with your thoughts and concerns.

Deb Maxfield '94
Doc Obermeyer '94

Enrolled students should receive their catalogues

To the Editor:

I am writing this letter in response to Michael J. Seibert's '95 concerns about the distribution of mail, specifically catalogs.

Any mail which comes to the College addressed to a specific student is delivered to that student's mailbox. This includes individually addressed catalogs. The only catalogs which are thrown away are those which are not deliverable. In other words, the individual is no longer a student at Hamilton. Also, we dispose of any catalogs which come in addressed only to occupant or resident of Hamilton College.

If Mr. Seibert or anyone else has any concerns or questions regarding the Mail Center, I would appreciate hearing from you.

William E. Shaut
Controller

Portrayal of France is false

*From **Lavenir** on page 13*

and its people, she should have a full understanding about what she is talking about, before she says something and reprobates it, so openly.

OK, I might take this a little too personally, but so would anyone when hearing criticisms from someone who has only spent a short amount of time in only one part of a country and starts claiming that everyone, and the whole country is this way. My native country like every other country has good things and bad things, so I do not want to glorify my country, but I simply felt I had to correct those errors.

Thomas Lavenir '97

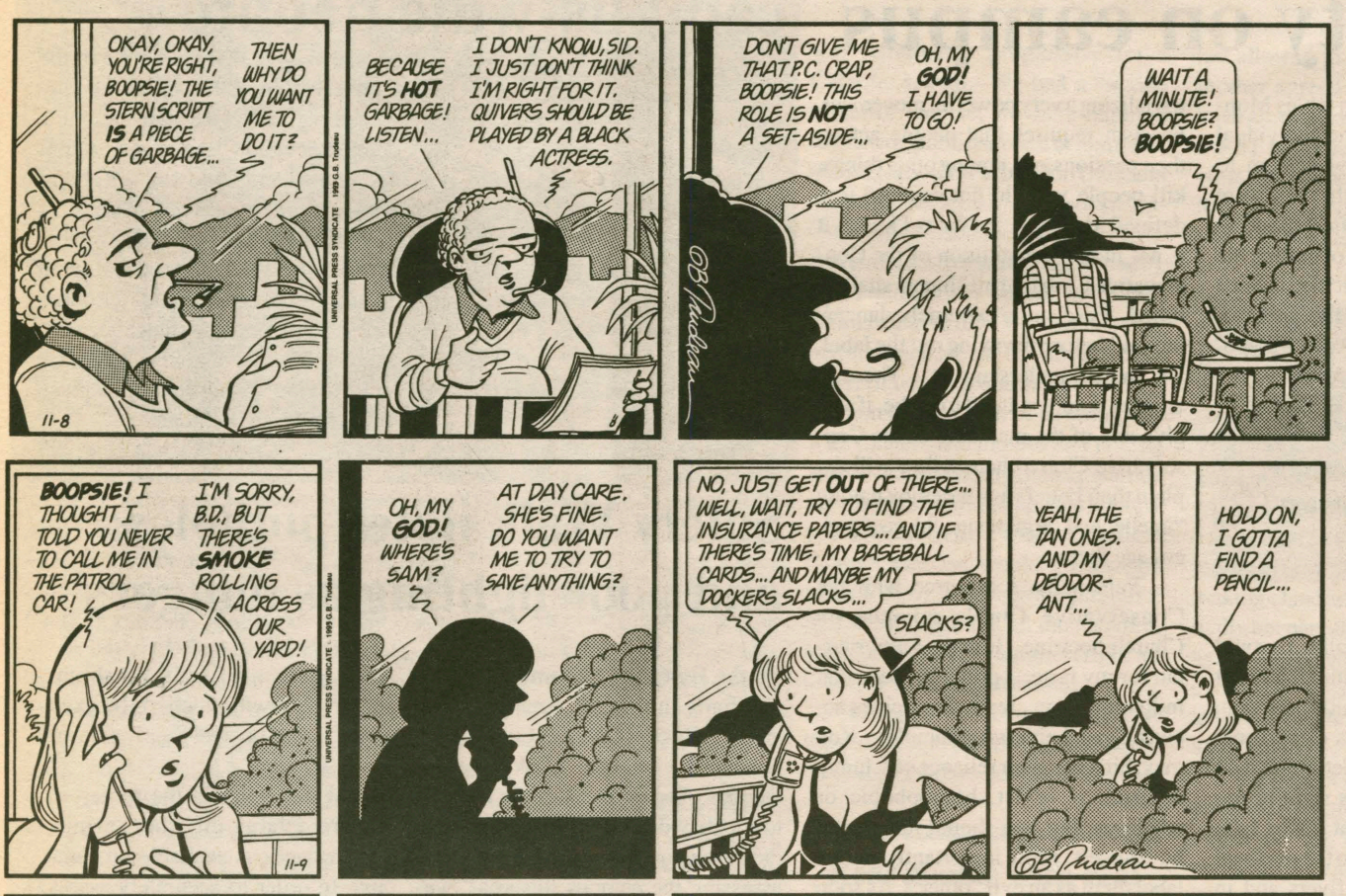
TRUST TREAT '93 a success!

Once again Hamilton College has provided a safe and happy trick or treat environment for hundreds of local children. This campus event was made possible through the hours of dedication, the thousands of favors, and the enormous support from the Hamilton community. Although individual recognition is not possible, the contributions of all are sincerely appreciated.

The coordinators of Trust Treat '93

Doonesbury

BY G.B. TRUDEAU


OKAY, OKAY, YOU'RE RIGHT, BOOPSIE! THE STERN SCRIPT IS A PIECE OF GARBAGE...
THEN WHY DO YOU WANT ME TO DO IT?
BECAUSE IT'S HOT GARBAGE! LISTEN...
I DON'T KNOW, SID. I JUST DON'T THINK I'M RIGHT FOR IT. QUIVERS SHOULD BE PLAYED BY A BLACK ACTRESS.
DON'T GIVE ME THAT P.C. CRAP, BOOPSIE! THIS ROLE IS NOT A SET-ASIDE...
OH, MY GOD! I HAVE TO GO!
WAIT A MINUTE! BOOPSIE? BOOPSIE!
11-8
BOOPSIE! I THOUGHT I TOLD YOU NEVER TO CALL ME IN THE PATROL CAR!
I'M SORRY, B.D., BUT THERE'S SMOKE ROLLING ACROSS OUR YARD!
OH, MY GOD! WHERE'S SAM?
AT DAY CARE. SHE'S FINE. DO YOU WANT ME TO TRY TO SAVE ANYTHING?
NO, JUST GET OUT OF THERE... WELL, WAIT, TRY TO FIND THE INSURANCE PAPERS... AND IF THERE'S TIME, MY BASEBALL CARDS... AND MAYBE MY DOCKERS SLACKS...
SLACKS?
YEAH, THE TAN ONES. AND MY DEODOR-ANT...
HOLD ON, I GOTTA FIND A PENCIL...
11-9
BOOPSIE! WHAT HAP-PENED? YOUR LINE WENT DEAD!
I'M SORRY, SID. THE HOUSE WAS FILLING UP WITH SMOKE.
WHAT? MALIBU'S ON FIRE AGAIN?
WELL, OUR NEIGH-BOR'S BACKYARD IS. AND IT LOOKS LIKE OURS IS NEXT.
OF COURSE, IT'S NOT REALLY "OURS," IS IT? THE CHAPARRAL BELONGS TO NATURE, AND IT NEEDS THE FIRE TO RENEW IT-SELF. IT'S ALL PART OF GOD'S PLAN!
WHAT FOOLS WE'VE BEEN...
HEY, DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO PAVE IT OVER? DIDN'T I?
11-10
YOU KNOW, SID, I'VE BEEN THINKING ABOUT WHAT KIND OF PERSON WOULD SET A WILDFIRE IN THE COASTLINE CHAPARRAL...
HOW DO WE KNOW THE ARSONIST ISN'T ACTUALLY A GENTLE, WELL-MEANING ENVIRONMENTALIST WHO SEEKS ONLY TO RESTORE THE ECOLOGICAL IN-TEGRITY OF THE REGENERATIVE PROCESS?
WHOA! DING, DING, DING!
WHAT?
KILLER MOVIE PREMISE! KILLER!
SID! YOU CAN'T EXPLOIT A TRAGEDY LIKE THIS! UNLESS IT'S TASTEFUL.
11-11
BOOPSIE! ARE YOU ALL RIGHT?
I'M FINE, B.D.—I'M OUT IN THE CAR.
HOW'S THE HOUSE?
STILL STAND-ING. ACTUALLY THERE'S LESS SMOKE NOW...
...AND IT HAS A FAMILIAR SMELL. IT SMELLS JUST LIKE... LIKE...
LIKE WHAT?
SNIFF! SNIFF!
HAMBURGERS!
BOOPSIE, GO CHECK THE GRILL.
11-12
TREVOR! ARE YOU OKAY?
I'M FINE, BOOPSIE. BUT I OWE YOU A BIG APOLOGY...
OUR GAS GRILL TIPPED OVER AND SET THE LAWN ON FIRE. I JUST GOT IT OUT WITH THE GARDEN HOSE. I HOPE IT DIDN'T SCARE YOU TOO BADLY...
SCARE ME? NO, IT DIDN'T SCARE ME AT ALL, TREVOR.
IT DIDN'T?
NOPE. IF I COULD SURVIVE THE GREAT CHICAGO FIRE OF 1871, I CAN...
QUITE RIGHT. WELL, I BETTER BE GETTING BACK!
11-13

Personals

Roomies[5]—

Don't stress too much! Try and stay in your tree! You know where to find me if you need me! Have a great weekend!

—Love T

JLT—

You make each day sunny and bright. You make me smile and laugh. I love you and don't you forget it.

—LSP

C.R.L.S.,

Have I told you recently that I couldn't have asked for a better roomie? May the "Wizard of Oz" play forever in 318!

—M.L.

AJAMS—

Sorry we keep getting cut off. I hope you get your hands on the phantom airline ticket. How typically tumultuous ...

Have a great 22nd and don't get too ptuhl ...

—Beth

Peaches—

I am so proud of you! Great job on Wednesday. Have a *fantastic* time with your weekend guest! I love you very much.

—Muffin

P.S. Let's make a date for next Tuesday night.

Missy—

Feliz Cumpleanos! Hope you're having a great time!

—Your Dunham pals

Boomer—

I'm so glad that you are here to visit. They always told us we'd get along once I went away to college! I'd say it's about time! I love ya!

—Big Sister

To the one who has a date tonight—

Have a wonderful time. I don't think I've had a real date in at least four years. Ask him if he has a friend for me.

—The one in search of a boyfriend

To the one I never call or visit—

Yee-Haw! It's off. Let's go dancing!

—The Stranger

HAPPY 21ST BIRTHDAYS, BETH AND M.K.! WE LOVE YOU BOTH AND COULD NEVER RUN THE SHOW WITHOUT THE TWO OF YOU. LET'S CELEBRATE!

—Best Wishes,
The *Spec* staff

Class of 1994—

What gives? Where's your class spirit? How many days do we have left until graduation? The next few months are the last we will ever spend together. Let's see everyone at the Village Tavern for Senior Night next Wednesday, November 17.

M.H.L.—

I'm counting down the days until the Adirondacks. Until then... my only advice to you is that I heard that boxing is bad for your golf game. Perhaps you just need to come practice more?!

—S.

Jen Tsuha—

YOU ARE A GREAT PERSON! And I bet everybody else who sees this agrees with me!

—A Secret Admirer

Jeff—

Thank you for delivering our infamous plan of attack. I can only imagine what would happen if it got into the wrong hands—the world might really take over! We need your help in order to win this battle as it seems to be getting worse! Bring your hip boots, nose plug, and latex gloves and be prepared to scrub.

—Lizzie

Lovelumps—

I'll listen to rap for you, but what will you do for me? Feel free and I will be waiting.

Editor's note: The "Personals" column is not a place to air personal grievances. If you have a problem with someone, we suggest you tell them, not us.

Arts&Entertainment

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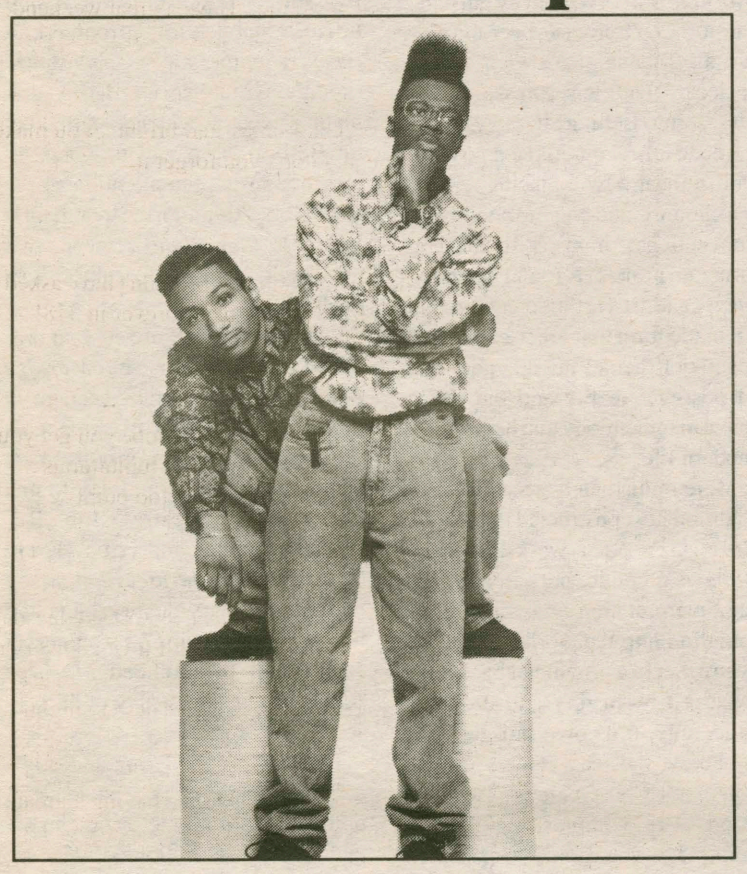
UMC's and Black Sheep Set to Stomp on the Hill



Not since the days when KRS1 and Boogie Down Productions invaded Hamilton has this campus been treated to such an ultra-funky, smooth rappin'lyrical spectacular as this weekend! The UMC's join forces with Black Sheep for a night of hip-hop in Alumni Gym Saturday night.

Most of the campus is more familiar with Mercury recording artists Mista Lawnge and Dres, a.k.a. Black Sheep, who burst onto the hip-hop scene last year with their mega-dance hit, "The Choice is Yours." Their self-produced debut album, *A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing,* also includes the funky rhymes of "Flavor of the Month" and the humorous "Strobelight Honey," a tune chronicling encounters that are too close for comfort.

The UMC's kicked their way to the top of the rap charts in 1992 with the singles "Blue Cheese" and "One to Grow On" off their debut album, "Fruits of Nature." Hass G and Kool Kim took some time off after their debut to reflect on their sudden success and artistic changes. Their looking to "kicking it a little harder, a little tougher, a little wilder, and alot more real."

UMC's Promise funky show with 'Different Flavor'

By Marty Reichgott '95
A&E DUDE

Their stated goal: nothing less than the desire to change the way people look at hip-hop. Be creative, jam tongue-twistin lyrics, but most of all, **kick the funk!**

The UMC's busted onto the hip-hop scene with their jazzy beats and crazy lyrical style that spawned two number one hits on the rap charts in 1992. The album, "Fruits of Nature," which spun out the tunes "Blue Cheese" and "One to Grow On," a song that the Boston Phoenix said, "effectively mixes some older brother wisdom with a swinging, Herbie Hancock style piano groove."

Classic rap influences the duo's hard rappin', phat hip-hop style today. "We listened to the old school rappers, like Erik B. and Rakim, and Slik," says Hass G, the verbal mixmaster whose new, upfront and dangerous rhyming skills are fast and rough on the new release, "Unleashed." The new album is a result of a year and a half of soul searching for the rappers who found their style cramped by the music industry. Hass adds, "You know when we first came out we were marketed as these likeable, agreeable kids, which we were! Now, we ain't gonna front like some hardcore gangsters, but this time we're letting people know that we are rappers and we're dropping mad beats and we got the lyrical skills and the flow."

"Unleashed" also marks an artistic maturity for the 21 year olds from Staten Island, NY. "Sometimes hip-hop has wack trends not appropriate to hip-hop," says Kool Kim,"We aim at real hip-hop...Rappin' is a kind of poetry, and the best rappers should be the ones who bust the best lyrics, like it used to be."

And what about the cross-cultural popularity of hip-hop?

"It's not the type of situation that because everyone is into it, it's lost its meaning. It's a blessing that everyone is listening to what you have to say as an artist," remarks Kim.

Kool and Hass G will be igniting the radio waves with that new, serious style and those mad lyrics, when the single "Time to Set it Straight" debuts November 23rd. The album hits the stores on January 15. So "pack a seatbelt, 'cause we're comin' hard! UMC's are back in the house!"

Visiting English Professor Shona Ramaya to read from her fiction

By Kate Graetzer '94
A&E WOMAN

Shona Ramaya, visiting professor of English at Hamilton College, will be reading excerpts from her fiction on Tues., Nov. 16 at 8 p.m. in the Dwight Lounge, Bristol Campus Center.

Born in Calcutta, India, Ramaya was educated at the convents of Calcutta and Delhi and at the University of Delhi before coming to the United States. She received M.A.s both in English and Creative Writing from Syracuse University.

Aside from Hamilton, Ramaya has taught at LeMoyne College in Syracuse and at Syracuse University. She has published two books: *Flute* (1989), a novel, and *Beloved Mother, Queen of the Night* (1993), a collection of stories. Of the latter, director of *Mississippi Masala* Mira Nair says, " I love these stories because they do not fall into the predictable collisions of east and west. Shona Ramaya is both the insider and outsider, familiar with the games of both cultures. Her writing is at once tough, lyrical, and ironic. She has the rare talent of knowing her characters so well that when you finish the book, you feel they have spoken to you."

Her appearance on Tuesday will be the first formal reading of her work that she has ever given. Sponsored by the Department of English, it and is free and open to the public. A reception will follow.

Coley's Gifts at Emerson Gallery

One Man's Taste: Thomas Coley, an exhibition of paintings, prints, photographs, sculpture and decorative arts collected by actor and writer Thomas Coley (1913-1989), will be on view in the Emerson Gallery from Fri., Nov. 12 through Sun., Dec. 19.

Thomas Coley never attended Hamilton, but he adopted it as his own. Most of the works in the exhibition have been given to Hamilton, or are promised gifts. The collection, like Coley's taste, is extremely eclectic, ranging from Japanese prints and Native American baskets to 18th century English prints and contemporary American drawings.

The exhibition also features mementoes of Coley's long acting career and his friendships with some of the leading literary and theatrical figures of his day. Coley made his Broadway debut with the Lunts in *The Taming of the Shrew,* and was in the original production of Thorton Wilder's *Our Town.* He also appeared in *Harvey* with James Stewart, and starred in revivals of *Our Town* and *Front Page* with Henry Fonda.

A co-author of *The Happiest Years,* which starred Peggy Wood on Broadway, Coley wrote scripts for television in its early days. He was also a celebrated wit. His friend, E.M. Forster, author of *A Passage to India* and *Howard's End,* once said, "I try never to make an unqualified superlative statement, but is Tom not the funniest person in the world?"

To celebrate the opening of the exhibition, Coley's longtime friend and colleague, William G. Roehrick, a 1934 Hamilton graduate, will dedicate a limewood wreath and garland carved by sculptor David Esterly. The wreath will be on permanent display in the foyer of the Emerson Gallery. The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Fri., Nov. 12 at 5 p.m..

The Cinephile

Stunning *Dreams* distorts realities

As any Comp. Lit. senior will tell you, there's a lot more to dreams than simply a good night's sleep. And, as any filmmaker will tell you, watching a film is a lot like dreaming. You're in a dark room, seated comfortably, and suddenly, images come at you from out of nowhere. These images may tell a story, contradict themselves, scare you, shock you, titillate you, soothe you, and, every once in awhile, make absolutely no sense at all. And of course, for the amount of time that you are dreaming (or watching a film), you leave completely the reality around you and enter another world, accepting it wholeheartedly. When dreams are portrayed on screen, however, is when the levels of reality start folding upon themselves and leave you wondering if you're dreaming, watching a dream, or dreaming that you're watching a dream.

As if all great filmmakers had to make that one dream film to complete their careers, Akiro Kurosawa fulfills his with the appropriately titled *Dreams*. In a series of short segments that supposedly originated from Kurosawa's actual dreams, the film takes us to that world where bizarre is the norm and nothing makes much sense. Flowers hold trials, the dead come back, demons roam the mountains, and people enter paintings. Through it all, however, Kurosawa maintains a steel-eyed vision and presents his point of view. Whether lamenting for the past long gone or deploring the senselessness of modern violence, Kurosawa manages to make us uncomfortable and question our own actions. He probes the delicate problem of the role of humans in relation to nature and encourages us to be more responsible. While *Dreams* is far from being a political film, the inherent environmentalist message is undeniable, as is the sense of nostalgia for a past forever lost.

As it is a Kurosawa film, *Dreams* is visually stunning and breath-taking in scope. It is a classic Kurosawa film in the epic tradition of *Ran* or *Seven Samurai* in its goal to capture a universal level of human experience. Broken up into bits, however, *Dreams* does not possess the same kind of coherent human drama found in *Seven Samurai* or *Rashomon*. It fails to tenaciously tug at our hearts and overwhelm us with our own self-awareness. The film is, after all, just a series of dreams. Perhaps that is where the film's weakness lies. The dreams are not powerful enough to grip us in any everlasting way.

If, however, the idea of Martin Scorsese playing Van Gogh intrigues you (that's two Van Gogh impersonations in three film reviews) and you want to see a side of Japan different from *Rising Sun* (heaven forbid), then try *Dreams*. It's not the Kurosawa film I would most ardently recommend, but it's harmless. And God knows you can't say that about every film.

2MB on Comics

Vanguard: long on action, short on plot

Comic books are back at *The Spectator*. This column marks the return of a regular comic book review column in The Spectator. I am Myron Brown, who will be speaking in plain text. My co-writer is Marc Block who will be using italics. We hope to follow in the footsteps of our predecessors, Denes House and Darrell R. Beebe. Usually there will be two comic books reviewed in this column but since this is our first column we want to get the feel for writing this column, so this week there will only be one. The comic we are reviewing this week, chosen by the legendary Darrell R. Beebe, is called Vanguard, published by Image, about an alien from another planet who guards Earth secretly. Simple premise, simple book. I will now turn over the column to my partner.

Hello. As my esteemed colleague Myron has already stated, my name is Marc Block. A long time collector, I stopped collecting during my senior year of high school. However, I still enjoy the great literature known to the world as comic books. When presented with the position of comic critic by the "Spectator" I jumped at the opportunity.

Vanguard has been presented as a simple comic with a simple premise. Therefore, according to Myron, the character and the book holds little, if any, potential. As a lonely little boy once said, "I don't think so." Though I have been a bit hesitant to follow some of my friends and sing the praises of Image, I like what I see. The book places a new twist on an old tale. "A strange visitor from another planet" comes down to Earth, looks just like the boy next door, and becomes the planet's protector. Sounds familiar? It should, that my friends is Superman. The big difference here is that this alien, Vanguard from the planet Kalptus, is not handsome but rather large and ugly with gray skin, no pupils, no nose (yes, no nose. He breaths through two holes located in the center of his face), strange ears and anteni on the top of his head. In short this is an ugly dude. Oh yeah, Vanguard can't speak any human language. He is assigned to watch the Earth to prevent his people's enemies from attacking it. After a short skirmish with Supreme, an Earth superhero, he is stranded on our planet. His ship and matalic sidekick, Wally, are slowly working their way back through the solar system. For now, he is stuck on Earth in the city of Chicago.

"...this book is one of the best new stories out today."-Marc Block

Co-created and edited by Erik Larsen, this book is one of the best new series out today. The art is beautiful, from the first page to the last. It is a shame that Tom Coker will not stay on for more issues. Thankfully the new artists are all, in my humble opinion, some of the best around. The potential for future stories are endless, including watching how Vanguard learns how to communicate with humans, learning who is Roxanne Wells, and what will she do with our hero. I would like to add that while I think Erik Larsen was wrong to leave "Amazing Spiderman", were he was the resident artist for several years, his newest book is a real find."

Great literature known as comic books," if this is an example of what makes comic books "great literature" then the comic industry is in great trouble. That was a long comment about this book and if you noticed Marc spent a lot of time talking about the possibilities of this book, but he only used three short sentences to explain the "plot." This book was an excuse to have a 23 page fight scene. This book is just a chauvinistic display of macho bravado by two men who think they are "the most important beings in the universe." The message is "we must conquer another man in order to feel good about ourselves." This is a message that is constantly presented throughout popular culture (especially comic books) and I am sick and tired of this message. It would be nice to have comic books where the main characters relate to each other as people instead of as bodies to conquer. This is a low quality comic. The artist actually swipes from a swipe (who would want to do that). Weird perspectives are only good when it is intentional, but when the artist has no concept of human anatomy then the art takes away from the book. This comic book was just a bad excuse to have an extended slugfest.

Myron, Myron, Myron, to paraphrase Freud, "sometimes a comic is just a comic." Any violence found in this series is nothing, if not mild, compared to such mags as Lobo and The Punisher.

Well that's it for today. We will be back in two weeks with another "Comics by 2MB." Till then, don't forget to brush twice a day.

Big Blank Space

Controversial play *Mariage Blanc* to be performed in Minor Theatre

The Department of Theatre and Dance at Hamilton College will present seven performance of *Mariage Blanc*, written by outstanding post-war European poet and playwright Tadeusz Rozewicz and directed by Hamilton professor of Theatre Carole Bellini-Sharp.

Rozewicz revolutionized post-war Polish theatre by replacing realistic psychology and the storytelling of conventional drama with the construction principals found in modern poetry and art. He thus created a fluid dramatic form that precisely reflects his major theme: the disintegration of post-war reality and the consequent inauthenticity that has infected modern life.

More immediately accessible and traditionally constructed than any of Rozewicz's other works, *Mariage Blanc* is a comic, but often terrifying, interpretation of a young girl's initiation into the world of lust and desire. Set in a provincial backwater bypassed by history and drowsing peacefully in its own intirgues and snobbery, the play centers on two young girls just entering womanhood. The younger, Pauline, is unimpressed and oozes sensuality. The other, Bianca, is fearfully chaste and seeks a "blanc" (unconsummated) marriage from her betrothed. Both are in almost every respect innocents.

Mariage Blanc is a highly erotic play that aroused great controversy when it was first produced in Poland in 1974. But while eroticism is part of the play's texture and theme, *Mariage Blanc* answers a broader purpose. Rozewicz uses elements of the "absurd theatre" to ridicule the lengths to which people go to avoid sensible approaches to their own sexuality. The power of the absurd lies in its inability to confront serious issues in unique ways. Using shock, ridicule, symbolism and daring, dramatic effects, Rozewicz and Director Bellini-Sharp will provoke, attack and arrest the attention of the spectators. Although the treatment is light, *Mariage Blanc* demands that one laughs and take the subject seriously.

Rozewicz's plays are seldom produced in this country, but *Mariage Blanc* won high critical acclaim in productions by two of America's most eminent theatre groups: Yale Repertory Theatre and La Mama Experiemtal Theatre Club. Renowned director and critic Harold Clurman called *Mariage Blanc* a play of "extraordinary quality," and "an unostentatious gem." *Newsweek's* Jack Kroll pronounced *Mariage Blanc* "the best new play of the season."

Bellini-Sharp's daring and original direction gives local audiences a unique opportunity to see an important work by one of Poland's leading playwrights. The performances will be given Thurs., Nov. 11 through Sat., Nov. 13 and Wed., Nov. 17 through Sat., Nov. 20 at 8 p.m. in Minor Theatre. Tickets are $5 for the public and $3 for the college community. For reservations, call 859-4194.

Note: Portions of this presentation may not be suitable for younger audiences.

Write for A&E! Pretty please? x4100

Russian Dance Troupe to Perform in Chapel

The Dmitri Pokrovsky Ensemble, a 11-member troupe wearing traditional Russian village garb and performing on ancient instruments, will perform on Monday, Nov. 15, at 8:30 p.m. in the Chapel.

The ensemble brings the authentic folklore of Russia back to life. Since 1973, when the Dmitri Pokrovsky Ensemble was founded, the group's "living library" has grown to encompass over 2,000 songs, including medieval Russian village music of the country's old and new faiths, and modern works of Soviet composers.

In the early 1970's, Pokrovsky was a student of conducting and the balalaika at Moscow's Gnessin Pedagogical Institute of Music. Frustrated with the music scene, he felt the need to discover an alternative music language. He found it in a tiny, remote village in Russia embedded with the oldest traditions.

Now, at the start of its third decade, the ensemble has been featured on the Paul Winter Consort's 1988 *Earthbeat* tour, the *Making Music Together* festival in Boston, the *Today* show, and *CBS Monday Morning* with Charles Kuralt. The Pokrovsky Ensemble has also toured in the United States, Switzerland, Finland, Poland, Japan, Bulgaria, and the former Soviet Union.

According to Richard Dyer of *The Boston Globe*," 'performance' isn't quite the right word — these people are sharing a kind of living with us; they create whole ancient worlds that have not vanished at all."

Sponsored by the departments of German, Russian, History, Music, and Theatre and Dance, the concert is open to the public free of charge.

Soldier, Statesman, Citizen

The Portraits of Alexander Hamilton

Paul D. Schweizer

Director

Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute Museum of Art

Wednesday, November 17 4:15

Chemistry Auditorium

Presented by the Emerson Gallery in conjunction with the exhibition "A Noble Experiment: The Hamilton Oneida Academy, 1793-1812"

Reception and viewing of the exhibition follow at the Emerson Gallery.

Calendar & Movies

12 *Friday*

all day **Mock Interviews.** Career Center.
9:00 **U.S. Air Force Recruiter.** Career Center.
12:00 **Japanese Table.** McEwen 104.
2:00 **Salat Al-juma'ah.** Islamic Cultural Association Service. Chapel.
3:00 **Chemistry-Biochemistry Seminar.** "Use of X-ray Crystallography in Studying Protein Function." Steven Roderick, Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Chemistry 112.
7:30 **Intervarsity Christian Fellowship Meeting.** KJ 221.
8:00 **Fall Theatre Production.** *Mariage Blanc.* Minor Theater.

13 *Saturday*

Multicultural Weekend

8:00 **Fall Theatre Production.** *Mariage Blanc.* Minor Theater.

14 *Sunday*

Multicultural Weekend

11:30 **Community Church.** Janna J. Roche, Chaplain. "Making the Most of What We Have." Chapel.
12:00 **Hillel Brunch.** Azel Backus House.
1:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
3:00 **MAHAS.** Syracuse Symphony Orchestra. Wellin Hall, Schambach.
8:00 **Native American Story teller.** Steve Fadden. Red Pit, KJ.

15 *Monday*

10:00 **Conversations with Acting President Gene Tobin.** Beinecke.
4:00 **Clark Oratorical Prize Contest.** Chapel.
4:10 **Biology Department Seminar.** "Natural History and Conservation Biology of the Timber Rattle Snake." William S. Brown, Skidmore College. Sci. Aud.
7:00 **ACOA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) Meeting.** Penny Room BCC.
7:00 **Building a Personal Network.** Sci. Aud.
7:30 **Focus on Africa Lecture.** "African-Americans and the New World Order." Ambassador Kofi Awoonor, Ghana's Representative to the United Nations. Dwight Lounge, BCC.

16 *Tuesday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan. Chapel.
5:30 **Chinese Table.** McEwen 104.
7:00 **Cover Letter Workshop.** KJ 222.
7:00 **Know Thyself.** KJ 242.
8:00 **Fiction Reading.** Shona Ramaya. Dwight Lounge, BCC.
8:00 **AAUP Journal Club Lecture.** "Michael Harrington, an 'Other American.'" Maurice Isserman. Assembly Room, BCC.
8:30 **CAPE Meeting.** McEwen Coffeehouse.

17 *Wednesday*

12:00 **French Table.** McEwen Coffeehouse.
12:00 **Geology Lecture.** "Reconstructing Terranes: Wrangellia Reconsidered." Cathryn Newton, Syracuse University. Physics Aud.
4:15 **Lecture.** "Soldier, Statesman, Citizen: The Portraits of Alexander Hamilton." Paul Schweizer, Director, Munson-Williams-Proctor Institute Museum of Art. Chem. Aud.
5:00 **ACS Dinner.** McEwen 104.
7:00 **Panel Discussion.** "On Being a Women's Studies Student at Hamilton: Myths and Realities." Red Pit, KJ.
8:00 **Fall Theatre Production.** *Mariage Blanc.* Minor Theater.
8:00 **Lecture.** "What Ails Modern Civilization?" Russell Kirk. Chapel.

18 *Thursday*

12:00 **Newman Mass.** Father John Croghan.
5:30 **Amnesty International Dinner and Discussion.** McEwen 104.
7:00 **Hamilton Environmental Action Group Meeting.** Keehn TV Lounge.
7:30 **Lecture and Slide Presentation.** Suzanne Bocanegra, painter and sculptor, will discuss her work. Red Pit, KJ.
7:30 **Writer's Society**: Readings by Senior Creative Writers. Dwight Lounge, BCC.
8:00 **Fall Theatre Production.** *Mariage Blanc.* Minor Theater.

Good Luck, Hamilton Football! Crush Bates!

MOVIES

Sangertown 797-2121

Malice.....6:45
Robocop III.....10:00
My Life.....6:50, 9:35
Cool Runnings.....7:05, 9:30
Joy Luck Club.....6:30, 9:20
Flesh and Bone..... 6:35, 9:25
Look Who's Talking Now...7:10, 10:05
Carlito's Way.....6:40, 9:50
Three Musketeers.....7:00, 9:40
Nightmare Before Christmas..... 7:20, 9:15

Uptown Theatre 797-0020

A Bronx Tale.....7:25, 9:30
The Good Son.....7:00, 9:00
Sleepless in Seattle.....7:15, 9:15
Free Willy.....1:30, 3:30

Clinton Cinema 853-5553

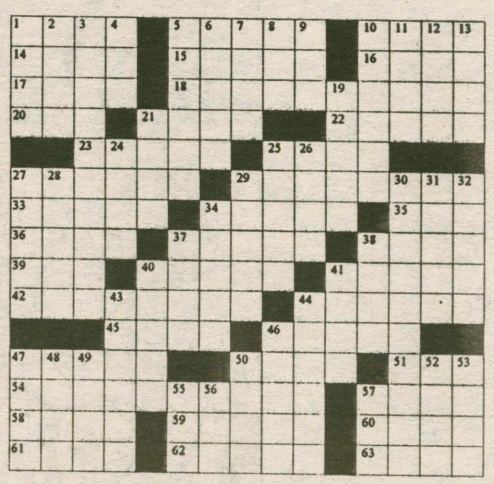
The Age of Innocence...2:00, 7:00, 9:30

On Campus

The Last of the Mohicans.....Fri., Sat, Sun. 7:30

Weekly Crossword

" Quickly, Quickly " **By Gerry Frey**



ACROSS
1 Cookouts
5 Pub missiles
10 Sting: sl.
14 Oaf
15 Inventor Howe
16 Child's stick
17 "Trinity" author
18 *Finicky*
20 L.P., e.g.
21 Choose
22 Beginning
23 Ghost sound:Var.
25 Boot
27 Document segment
29 *Brief jog?*
33 Has not
34 Terminates
35 Tropical bird
36 ___-bitsy
37 Stairs
38 Oklahoma city
39 Born
40 Pierre's capital
41 New York, e.g.
42 *Fleeing*
44 Jumps at
45 Med. school subj.
46 Sub's pings
47 Tarts
50 RR depots
51 Paddle
54 *Utterance*
57 "Les Miserable" author
58 Refuse to approve
59 Tennis term
60 Small bills
61 Ms. White
62 Cornered
63 Whirlpool

DOWN
1 Cloud
2 Lugged
3 *Fast buck*
4 Aves.
5 Explain
6 Alas _____
7 Board game
8 Make lace
9 Supplemental Sec. Inc.
10 Small piano
11 Pigeon sounds
12 Malaria
13 Greatest in quanity
19 '70's rock group
21 Former
24 Nutty, (var.)
25 Stores
26 Beer ingredients
27 Khaki
28 Grow dark
29 Tankard
30 *Hit the beach*
31 Put together
32 Leaf stems
34 Swagger
37 _____ Lee
38 Italian Volcano
40 Think to Pierre
41 Catches some rays
43 "The Foxes of _____"
44 Lent
46 Kitchen device
47 Cuts:Abv.
48 Bovine mammals
49 Until (2 wds.)
50 Beget
52 Like a good wine
53 Ring-around-the-_____
55 Concorde
56 Sun. talk
57 Gardening tool

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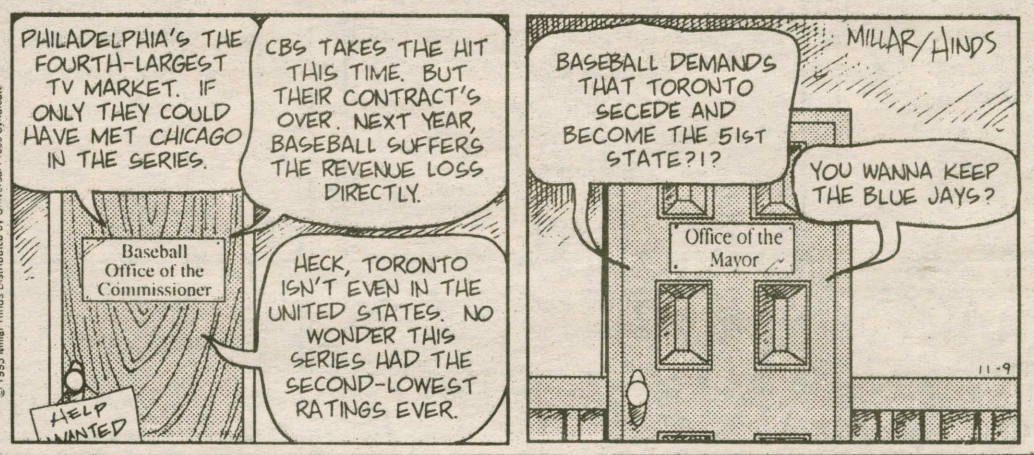
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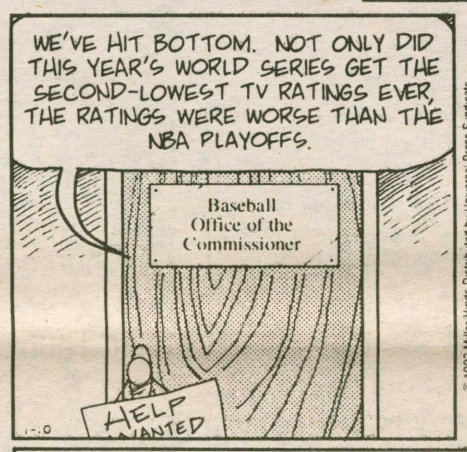
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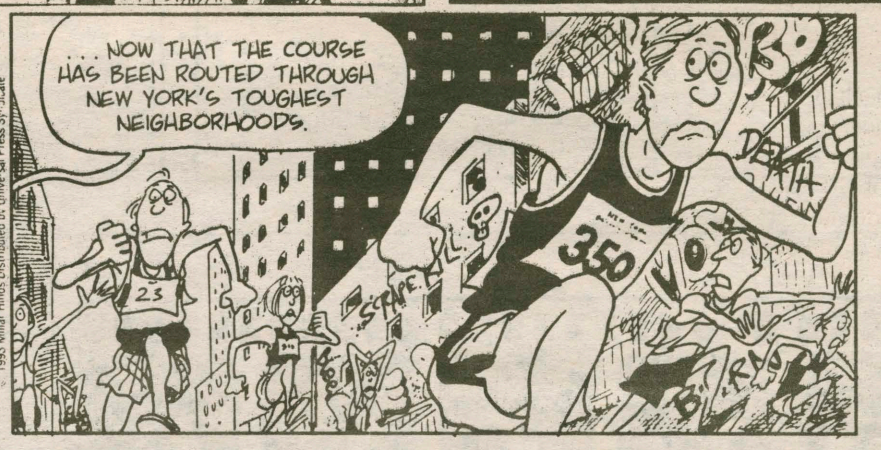
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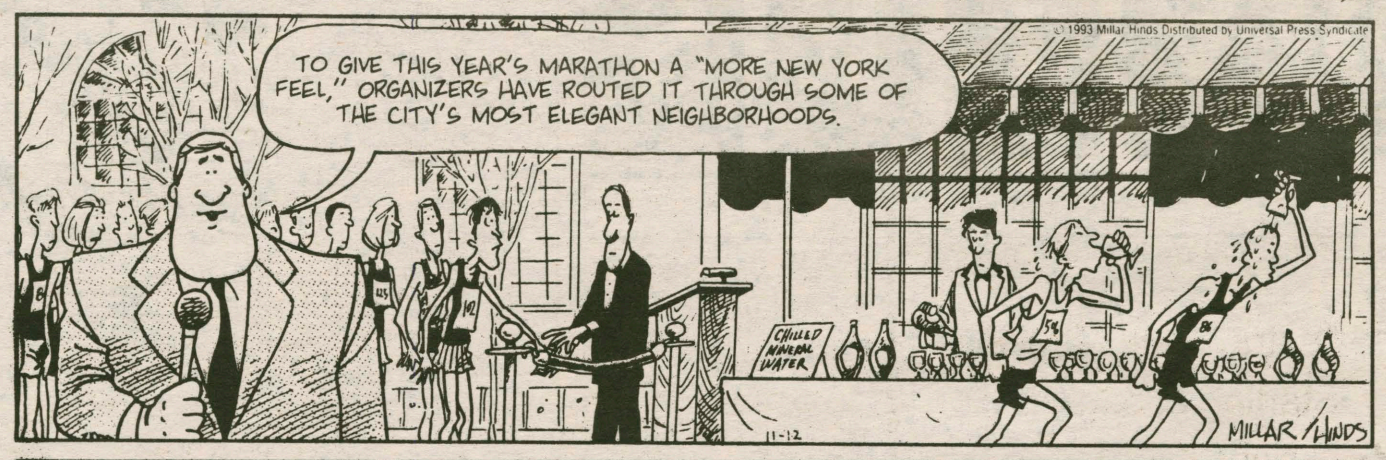
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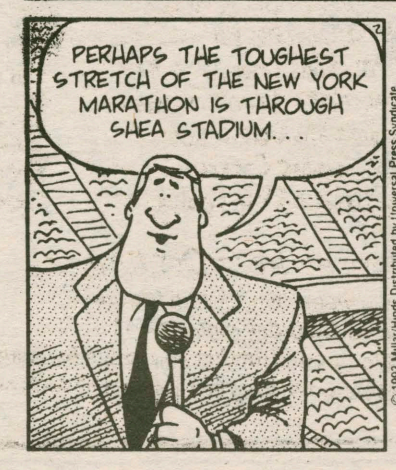
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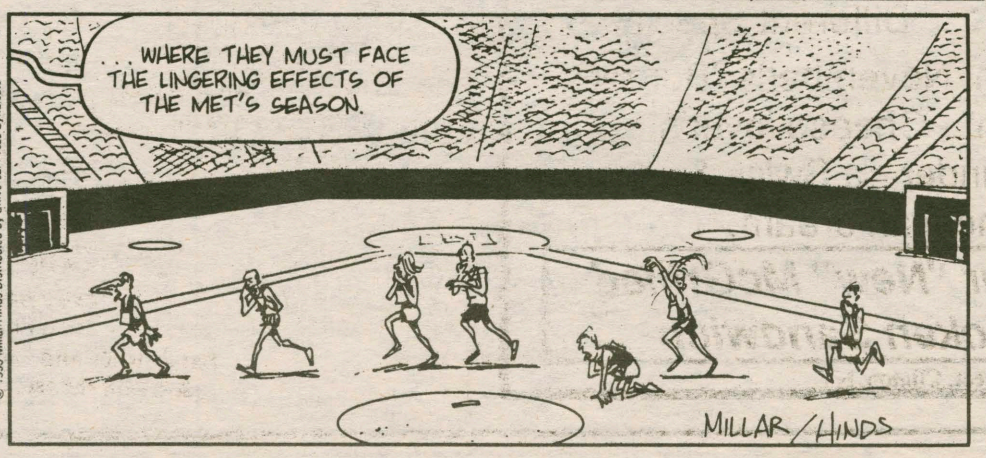

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week

—COMPILED BY SPECTATOR SPORTS

Slater Carberry

Varsity Soccer Career

56 games
30-19-7 record

—CARICATURE BY MAX BRACE

For four years, Slater Carberry has provided the defensive backbone to the Men's Soccer team. He has started in 56 games and has contributed to a cumulative record of 30-19-7. In the 56 games that Slater has started, the Continentals have scored 105 goals while giving up a mere 57. His defensive contributions this year helped lead the Continentals to a 6-5-3 record and their third consecutive winning season. Congratulations Slater, you are the *Garden Cafe's Athlete of the Week.*

The All New Garden Café Restaurant and Strider's Lounge, located at 354A Norton Avenue at the Corner of Route 5, guarantees good food and great times. The Café is open 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m. on Mon, Thurs-Sun. Tuesday hours are 4:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. The Garden Cafe serves pizza, chicken wings, subs, and a late night breakfast. Hamilton students showing I.D. receive ten percent off at all times. Delivery (1:00 p.m. to 1:00 a.m.) - Call 853-4571.

The Garden Café's Athlete of the Week receives a free pizza with the works courtesy of The Garden Café and its owner Tony Urbanowitz.

OTHER PEAK PERFORMERS

Lucas Watson

The experience of a four year letterman always adds something intangible to any team. For the football team, the leadership provided by quarterback Lucas Watson carries the team. Last week, Watson connected on his first touchdown pass of his career, and completed 21 of 39 passes in the strongest offensive showing this year. Congratulations Lucas, way to go!

Cross Country finishes 4th

COMPILED BY SPORTS
SPORTS STAFF TEAM

The men's cross country team hit the the road again last weekend in its travels to Binghamton for the New York State Collegiate Track and Field Cross Country Championship. The second longest sports fall season finally seemed to be coming to an anticlimactic finish, and the runners knew only one more race remained to be run after last weekend's competetion. A long season of injuries, personal highs and lows, and an overall strong team record positioned the men ready to finish well at the state meet.

Strong competition challenged the Continentals throughout the race, and with Rochester and Ithaca setting the pace at the head of the pack, Hamilton managed a fourteenth place finish overall. Fittingly, Hamilton's first runner to cross the finish line, James Grinwis '94, placed fourteenth with a time of 28:23. Teammate Dave Culver '95 sprinted in just behind Grinwis to finish nineteenth with a time 28:36. The Hamilton scoring concluded with Jim Serhant '95, Dane Wolfrom '97, and Andrew Bomann '96 all finishing within the top fifty.

The performance of the team as a whole perhaps failed to live up to overly optimistic expectations, but in perspective the team performance bodes well for the upcoming regional meet this weekend.

With the men in Binghamton, the women headed west to Rochester for an invitational meet. The competition once again proved to be a hefty challenge for the women runners, but based on season to date of multiple successes, the women had no reason to back down. With three solid runners not participating, the a beleaguered women's squad hoped to prove its depth despite the absence of some of the team's most proven runners. Tammy Koch '96 stepped up her level of intensity and finished 10th with a time of 20:43. Fellow sophomore Adrianne Levin followed Koch's lead and finished right behind her at 21:54, while Maria Gara '97, Stephanie Taylor '95, and Emily Valle '96 constituted the rest of Hamilton's scoring. The team finished fourth overall, and considering that only a fraction of the starting runners actually participated, the performance spoke well of Hamilton's depth, and especially of the team's chances at regionals this weekend.

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Vanilla
Reverse Chocolate Chip
Kahlua Almond Fudge
Wild Blueberry
Brandied Cherry
Chocolate Velvet Mousse
Chocolate Decadence
Girl Scout Cookie
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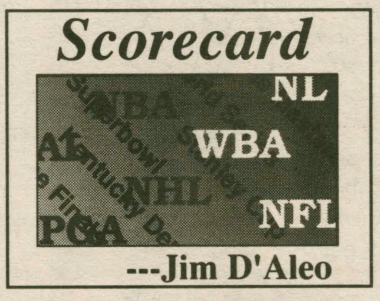
This Week in Hamilton Sports

	Sport	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thur.
	Football		Bates 1:00					
	Men's Soccer							
	Women's Soccer							
	Men's Golf							
	Women's Tennis							
	Cross Country		Regionals TBA					
	Volleyball							
	Women's Field Hockey							

Indicates Home Game **Indicates Away Game**

Dallas looks to be next in line for repeat...

NFL: Dallas really showed last week that they are the cream of the crop in the NFL. The **Giants** were probably the best team in the NFC, outside of Dallas, going into the week. If that says anything, it says that the NFC as a whole is just not that good this year. The Cowboys should win it easily and romp whatever loser comes out of the AFC... **Chicago** cannot be giving away games like they did last week. After being down 13-0, they come back to make it 16-14, recover the onside kick and manage to miss a 30 yard field goal. While they are in a rebuilding stage after the **Mike Ditka** era, that does not give them an excuse for letting games get away. They won't get many opportunities like this one; they just cannot afford to lose them... You have to hand it to the **Jets** for beating **Miami** last week. The Dolphins wanted to get that game for **Don Shula**, so he wouldn't have to wait to break the record. The game showed a big problem for Miami, one which would hurt this team in the future. They could get by rushing for only 48 yards when **Dan Marino** was leading the team. There was never any doubt that he would do what he had to to get the W. **Scott Mitchell**, on the other hand, is not that experienced. He can throw for 300 yards all he wants, but the leadership factor is missing. Unless they find a rushing game that would make this offense perfect, they are not going to win because of a lack of a real leader... What was **Cleveland** thinking when it released **Bernie Kosar**? **Vinny Testaverde** is out for six weeks, so they now have the quarterback tandem of **Todd Philcox** and **Brad Goebel**. Did it ever occur to the Browns management to use Kosar until Vinny gets back and then release him. I won't even get into the question of whether Testaverde is better than Kosar because my opinion of Vinny is well known... The Cowboys' pickup of Kosar was a good move in my mind. They basically just took out a $1.5 million insurance policy on the Super Bowl. Kosar can't lose it for Dallas and it's always nice to have an experienced quarterback sitting on the bench. After all, it worked with **Steve Burluein**...



MLB: The MVP awards were picked this week and I can't say there were any surprises. **Barry Bonds** won his third in a four years, the quickest span of anybody in history and **Frank Thomas** won unanimously in the American League. Not to take anything away from Frank Thomas, but how could he get every first place vote in the American League and Bonds only got 24 of 28 in the National. Bonds propelled **San Francisco** to 103 wins from a horrible season last season. With the amount of legitimate candidates in the AL and the lack of them in the NL, Bonds should have gotten more first place votes than Thomas.

NBA: I guess the basketball gods will do anything to make sure that the **Cavaliers** don't finish ahead of the **Bulls**. **Larry Nance** went down this week, needing knee surgery. Out indefinitely, that pretty much puts a huge hurt on Cleveland. They figured they had a chance to pass Chicago now that **Michael Jordan** has retired, and now this means that there will be no way they can unless Chicago dies... Speaking of Chicago dying, **Scottie Pippin** is on the injured list with tendinitis in his right ankle. This was finally his chance to shine as the main star in Chicago, now he's injured. Judging by the way the season is going, if I were **Phil Jackson**, I would check up on **Toni Kukoc's** visa. He may be the third star on that team to leave one way or another....

NHL: That **Steve Larmer** trade is already looking good for the **Rangers**. They have gone on a winning streak since they have gotten him. The extra scoring he provides will make it tough on their opponents... Do you think that the **Buffalo Sabres** need **Alexander Mogilny** in the lineup? Having scored seven goals in his first five games, he gives center **Pat LaFontaine** someone to pass to. We have already seen from his career with the **Islanders** that LaFontaine cannot make a team great without help. Buffalo could make the Northeast Division interesting.

NCAA: Big game this weekend between **Florida State** and **Notre Dame**. No matter who the final winner may be, the game will definitely be a close one. Notre Dame just does not lose at home and Florida State sees the title in their grasp. For my money, I think that Florida State has it. They are on such a roll right now, there is no way they can lose. If you don't believe that, look at last week's game. Their backup quarterback had five touchdown passes in his first start. Great teams don't lose in these situations and Florida State is a great team... **Charlie Ward** is quoted in USA Today as saying that college athletes should be getting a cut of the money they are making for their schools. That's great for him to say; he's a starter in two major sports. He'd be raking it in.

MISCELLANEOUS: Well, amidst all of the strange happenings in and outside of the ring, a heavyweight fight did take place on Saturday. I was impressed by the fact that **Evander Holyfield** refocused himself enough to grab the majority decision, but I think we can all say that the closeness of the fight showed that **Riddick Bowe** lost it rather than Holyfield winning it. If he hadn't come in so out of shape, he most likely would have won rather easily.

Beat the "Experts"

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *The Garden Cafe Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester, and will be entitled to all the perks therein; namely the free pizza with the works from *The Garden Cafe* and their picture in *The Spectator*.

Specially- Selected Sporting Events	David Paget *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 5-6 Semester to Date: 52-41	Jack Selby *Spectator Sports Editor* Last Week: 5-6 Semester to Date: 47-46	Jim D'Aleo *Spectator Sports Writer* Last Week: 8-3 Semester to Date: 54-39	Jason Tremlett *Senior; Guest #1* Last Week's Guest: Greg Smith (7-4) vs. Experts (2-1-0)	Steph Van Allen *Editor-in-Chief; Guest #2* Last Week's Guest: Dirk Van Heyst (6-5) vs. Experts (2-1-0)
NFL					
Green Bay at New Orleans 11-14	Green Bay	Green Bay	Green Bay	New Orleans	New Orleans
Kansas City at L.A. Raiders 11-14	L.A. Raiders	Kansas City	L.A. Raiders	L.A. Raiders	Kansas City
Atlanta at L.A. Rams 11-14	L.A. Rams	L.A. Rams	Atlanta	L.A. Rams	Atlanta
Cleveland at Seattle 11-14	Cleveland	Cleveland	Seattle	Cleveland	Seattle
Chicago at San Diego 11-14	Chicago	San Diego	San Diego	Chicago	Chicago
Buffalo at Pittsburgh 11-15	Buffalo	Buffalo	Pittsburgh	Pittsburgh	Buffalo
NCAA					
Bates at Hamilton 11-14	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton	Hamilton
Florida State at Notre Dame 11-14	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Florida State	Notre Dame
Syracuse at Virginia Tech 11-14	Virginia Tech	Virginia Tech	Syracuse	Virginia Tech	Syracuse
Illinois at Penn State 11-14	Illinois	Illinois	Penn State	Penn State	Penn State
Auburn at Georgia 11-14	Georgia	Auburn	Auburn	Auburn	Georgia
Southern Cal at Washington 11-14	Southern Cal	Southern Cal	Washington	Southern Cal	Southern Cal

If you think that you can beat these "experts," drop us a line and we will try to get you in. Write "I can beat the experts" on a piece of paper and add your name, then fold it and address it to the sports editor at *The Spectator*. Drop it in campus mail and if you're randomly selected, you'll quickly receive a form for you to make your picks.

A Letter From The Editors

- Jack Selby and David Paget

To the Hamilton Community,

During the past sports season, many questions have been raised in regard to the manner in which Hamilton sports have been covered by the *Spectator*. Various athletes and readers have written enlightening responses to our work, emphasizing a lack of detailship. As editors of the section, we find this lull in between seasons as the perfect opportunity to educate the campus on our situation.

Our responsibilities, as editors of the sports section, demand that we report Hamilton sports both fairly and accurately, a consistent goal of ours each week. Our entire weekly effort towards the paper usually amasses to more than twenty hours of work, which in terms of total time expended per week, is certainly comparable to the commitments of any sport played on the hill.

We do not put the section together alone. We spent two full months desperately searching for proficient writers to contribute to the paper. Our expanded effort left us with far from the necessary suitable writers, and consequently increased the strain upon us. The apathy on this campus, as evident by the world record swim relay attempt, forbids our section from operating at optimum output, and the ensuing compromises resulting from two people doing everything humanly possible to produce a quality section are a 1993/4 Hamilton reality.

We will continue to cover the sports as best we can, and emphasize we never print anything to spite anyone. However, an apathetic audience loses validity in its criticism of an over-worked, volunteer organization, and we simply refuse to entertain opinions that suggest we (a) purposely approached an issue to harm someone and/or (b) failed to uphold our "responsibility" to the community. Our "responsibility" extends as far as a basketball player's to make a free-throw or a wide receiver's to catch a quarterback's pass. The only difference lies in a public perception that demands more from something printed on paper. We accept this challenge, and continue to strive forward in the interest of progress.

Finally we work at the *Spectator* on our own will, and actually enjoy overseeing the weekly publication of a section that covers collegiate sports. We anticipate criticism, and have often been the recipients of it. However, in the interest of productivity, we ask those readers to consider our situation, and present their problems accordingly to us in a manner in which both parties can resolve the situation given our strained condition. We welcome constructive criticism but ask that those who have the time and effort into accentuating our mistakes to redirect their motives and assist us on our team.

Hamilton looks to rebound after 33-17 loss

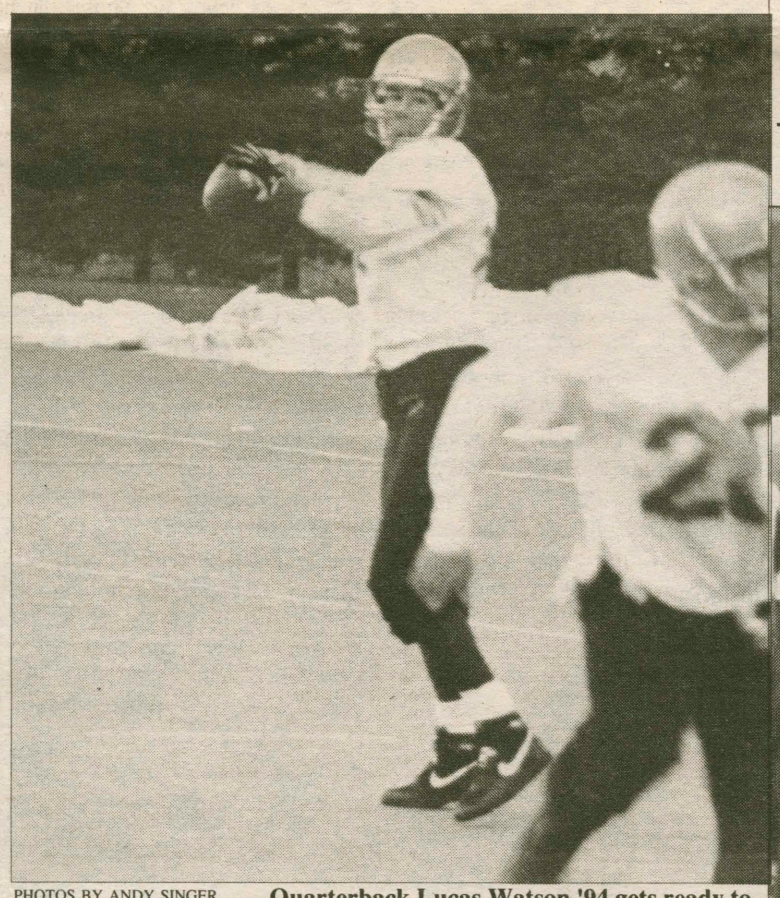
*From **Football** on Page 24*

a fumble that led to the first Hamilton touchdown.

This week the Continentals face Bates in their last contest of the 1993 campaign. At 0-7, Bates, like Hamilton, is desperately seeking a win before the end of the season. Coach Frank had this analysis of Bates, "Bates is a very young team, they start 15 freshman. They are struggling for a win and they believe they can beat us. They will come fired up to play."

Though the Continentals have been unable to win a game so far this season, Coach Frank believes his team has never given up. "Our kids have never pulled apart. We're just not winning. One good thing coming out of the season is that the team has never stopped giving it their all. We have been able to channel our disappointment into positive action."

In addition to being the final game of the season, Saturday marks the last game in the careers of twelve Continental seniors. Among the future Hamilton football alumni includes: Lucas Watson, Dan Spitzen, Co-Captain Eric Macrina, Don Busiek, Kevin Mcgraw, Matt Hill, Co-Captain Jason Nissen, Co-Captain Jim Farrington, Co-Captain Mike Hodgin, Aaron Earls, Jamie Moran and Dan Ahouse.



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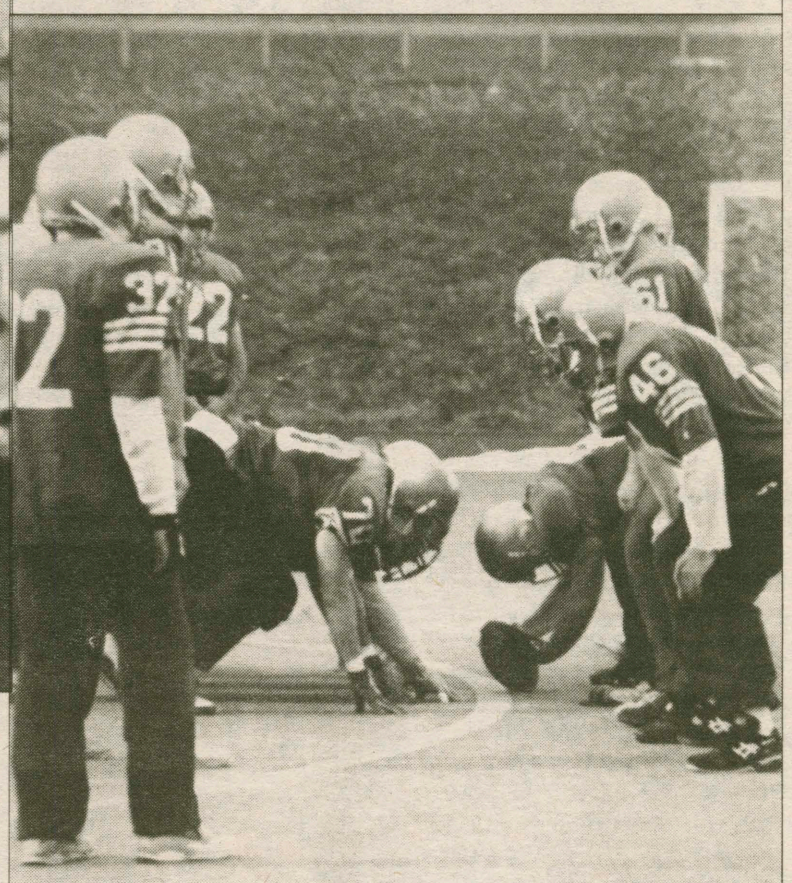
Quarterback Lucas Watson '94 gets ready to lead the charge this weekend.

Extra Points: Jason Nissen '94 needs only eight receptions versus Bates to break the school mark of forty-five receptions in a season set by Fred Colman back in 1987. In addition, Mike Hodgin '94 earned ECAC Weekly Honor Roll for his performance against Middlebury.



Beat the Experts Leader Board

Note: All ties are decided by the guests' record vs. the Experts. The guest with the better record vs. the Experts wins in the event that a tie-breaker is necessary. The winner will be named Athlete of the Week in the last issue of the semester.

Guest Name	Week	vs. Experts	Record
1. Sam Walker	Sept. 17	3-0-0	9-2
2. Lance Fuisting	Sept. 29	2-0-1	8-4
3. Kyle Keogh	Oct. 28	1-1-1	8-4
4. Greg Smith	Nov. 5	2-1-0	7-5
5. Two tied at 6-5			

The experts' record vs. the guests is 23-19-6

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The winter sports season is coming soon. If you are interested in writing for the Spectator, please contact Jack (X0258) or David (X1523) or send a letter through campus mail.

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November 12, 1993

Hamilton to go for much anticipated first win over Bates

By Sam Walker '96
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

Coming off a 56-3 loss to Williams, no one was quite sure how the Continentals would fare against Middlebury this past Saturday. Unfortunately for Hamilton, fate was not on their side. The Continentals played some of their best football of the year but again fell short at the end, losing 33-17. The loss dropped the Continental's record to a heartbreaking 0-7.

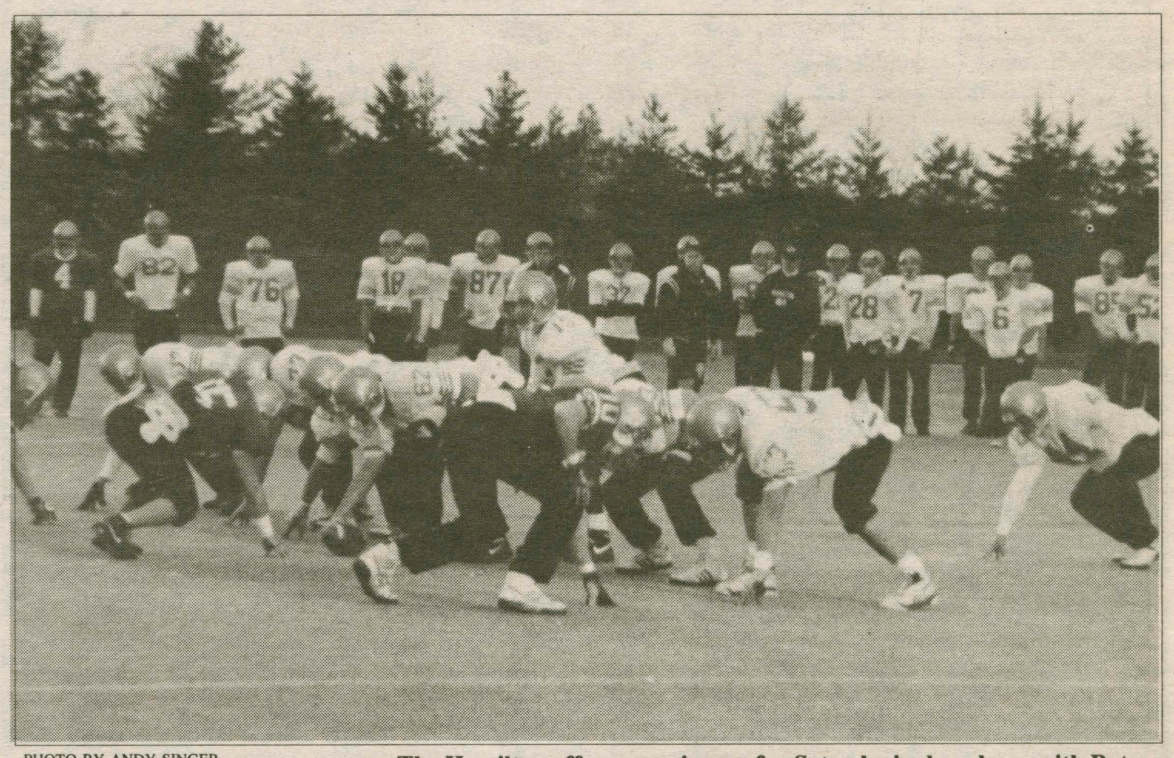
Head Coach Steve Frank had this to say about the loss, "we played better, we just came up a little short. The score was no indicator of how close the game was."

Seeking for their first victory this season, Hamilton exploded off to a 14-0 lead. Co-Captain Mike Hodgin '94 recovered a Panther fumble at the Middlebury 11-yard line setting up Matt Hill '94 with a one-yard run, giving the Continentals a 7-0 lead. Hamilton increased their lead on the first play of the second quarter. Quarterback Lucas Watson '94 connected with Dan Spitzen '94 for a 22-yard score. The touchdown pass was Watson's first as a Continental.

With a 14-0 lead, the game looked to be well in the hands of the Continentals. But the relentless Middlebury squad spoiled the Continentals hopes by scoring two quick touchdowns, knotting the game at 14-14. Hamilton had one last chance to score in the first half, but was unable to convert on a 47- yard field goal by Jeff Holden '96 and went into the half deadlocked.

The third quarter looked to be a runaway as Middlebury continued their attack and drove all the way inside the Hamilton 5 yard line. But a fumble and recovery by Dan Ahouse's '94 in the endzone preserved the 14-14 score. Hamilton quickly capitalized with a successful drive of their own leading to a Jeff Holden 21 yard field goal and a 17-14 lead going into the fourth quarter.

The game remained close until midway through the fourth quarter when Middlebury's Mike Gottfried scored on a one yard run. The Continentals were unable to regain their composure permitting the Panthers two more scores late in the fourth quarter in route to their 33-17 victory.



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The Hamilton offense gearing up for Saturday's showdown with Bates.

Statistically, Mike Rahmer '95 proved to be the offensive star of the day. Rahmer totaled a season high 207 yards on twenty rushes, five pass receptions, and five kickoff returns. Watson was 21 of 39 throwing for 198 yards, a touchdown and two interceptions. Defensively, Ron Martucci '95 regained the solo lead in total tackles with 11 against Middlebury. For the season, Martucci has an impressive 80 stops. He will be dueling with fellow linebacker Mark Melnitsky '95, who has 79 tackles to his credit, for the season tackle leader. Mike Hodgin '94 also had a stellar game on Saturday. Hodgin made eight tackles, two for a total of -10 yards and also recovered

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Young Squash team has large shoes to fill

By Mills Chapman '97
SPORTS STAFF WRITER

The 1993-1994 men's squash team takes the court this season with some very large shoes to fill. The last two years have been the most successful in Hamilton history. 1991-2 saw the Continentals ranked 20th in the Division national polls after posting an 11-11 record. Last year, the Hamilton squad improved to 11-10, and ranked 22nd in the nation. Each of those seasons the team won berths in the Intercollegiates Tournament at the end of the season. Whether they can crack the top 25 will depend on how well they can recover from the loss of six starters from last year's team due to diplomas and illness.

With this season already been coined a "rebuilding year", the attention will focus on the youth of the team. Having said farewell to half of the twelve man roster from last year and watched five starters from this year's squad leave after Christmas Break, third-year coach Laurie Whitsel and her players will have a challenge in front of them. In January, two seniors, Vineet Kapur and Zohair Husain will have graduated, and three juniors, Shep Wainwright, Matt Sykes, and Rob Carrigg will be spending the semester elsewhere. The loss will be especially tough to swallow since twelve players, not including injured co-captain Scott Tucker, competed for twelve spots on the roster. If subtraction is not your thing, it means that five slots on the team will be open for tryouts in January. However, Tucker, who plans to have healed from the torn tendon in his foot by then, will hopefully fill one of those.

Despite all of this, the team is still going strong as it's led by Whitsel and Mark Havens, the other co-captain who's temporarily flying solo. Havens and Tucker, once healthy, are both four-year starters and should be able to provide stability throughout the season.

This year marks the appearance of Hamilton's own Fab Five, who will eventually make everyone forget of those guys named Weber, Rose, and whoever those other people are. These guys - Mark Mijangos, Ashok Childs, Avery Cook, Doug Prezzano, and Mills Chapman - along with veteran sophmore Pete Stein - will be stuffing the ball down the throats of Hamilton's opponents for many years to come. While they may not be blowing powerhouses Princeton and Harvard off the court this year, you can mark it on your calendar for 1994 all the way up to 1997. Says Whitsel, "A major indicator of how well we will be this year is how physically and mentally tough are younger players will be and how well they can handle the schedule."

The first big test of the season comes on the weekend before Thanksgiving Break when the squash team journeys to Williamstown, Mass., land of the purple cows, where they'll play five grueling matches against Wesleyan, Columbia, Connecticut College, Haverford, and Williams over a twenty-four span. Immediately after loading up on cranberry jelly and pumpkin pie, the squad returns to the Bundy Fieldhouse on Dec. 1 for what should be a toe-nailbiter against University of Rochester. For that match, it's imperative to show up early because soon it will be standing room only! After that match, the players won't be seen scurrying after dropshots until Feb. 12 against Colgate and Stonybrook.

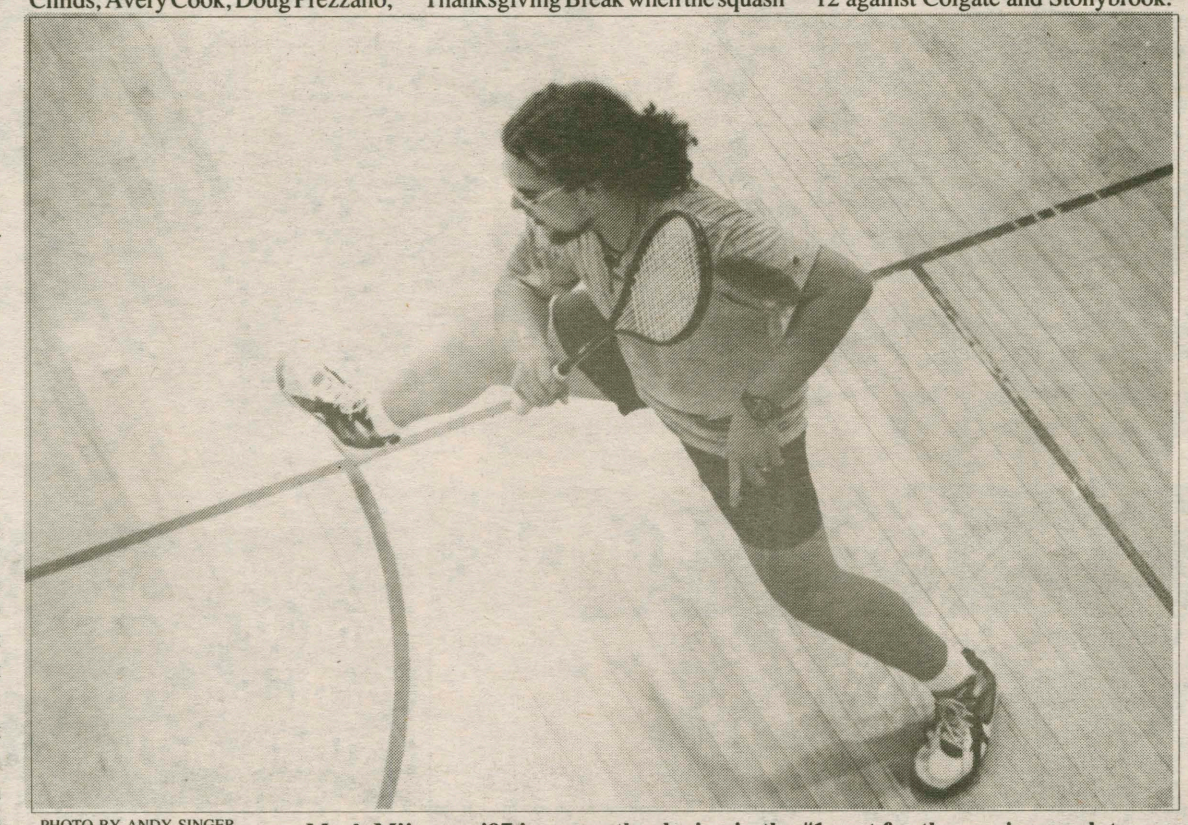

PHOTO BY ANDY SINGER

Mark Mijangos '97 is currently playing in the #1 spot for the men's squash team.

Team Records

Football
0-7

Women's Soccer
4-9-1

Men's Soccer
6-5-3

Field Hockey
5-7-1

Golf
62-28

Women's Tennis
6-7

Volleyball
19-13

Cross Country
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